

NEVADA HUNT BOOK

2003 HUNTING & TRAPPING LAWS & REGULATIONS
Regulations for Big Game, Furbearer, Upland Game and Waterfowl



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Division of Wildlife

NEW INFORMATION FOR 2003 HUNTS

Unit boundary changes have occurred since the 2002 hunting season. These changes were done primarily to accommodate bighorn sheep and pronghorn antelope herd expansions, and to use more identifiable boundaries such as roads compared to invisible county boundaries. Please review the new unit boundary map and descriptions.

Please review all Wildlife Management Area (WMA) regulations as some changes have occurred.

IMPORTANT!!! New deadline for returning the hunt questionnaire/harvest return cards - The deadline for returning the hunt questionnaire attached to an issued game tag has been changed **from** January 31 for all hunts, **to within 15 days after the close of the season for which the tag was issued.** This will allow big game harvest information to be compiled earlier for use by biologists and sportsmen in planning for the following year's big game seasons and quotas. **Failure to return the hunt questionnaire will result in a loss of tag draw privileges, or a fee of \$50.** Online harvest return questionnaires make reporting easy at: www.huntnevada.com.

Difficult access to some hunting units - Some units have difficult access to big game herds due to both wilderness and private land access restrictions. Please check big game hunter information sheets that are available on our website (www.ndow.org) and in Division regional offices, to make sure you understand restrictions and unit access limitations, including extreme terrain, snow and other weather variables.



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380 West B. St.
Fallon, NV 89406
(775) 423-3171

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815 E. Fourth St.
Winnemucca, NV 89445
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60 Youth Center Rd.
Elko, NV 89801
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Ely Office:

1218 North Alpha St.
Ely, NV 89301
(775) 289-1655

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4747 Vegas Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89108
(702) 486-5127

Henderson Office:

744 S. Racetrack Rd.
Henderson, Nevada 89015
(702) 486-6742

HOW TO USE THIS BROCHURE

First review the General Hunting Laws (pages 9-14), which apply to most hunting in Nevada.

Then read the hunting laws and regulation section for the species you will be hunting or trapping--big game, furbearer, migratory game bird, or small game/upland game bird, which are together. For instance, if you plan to hunt turkey, read the Upland Game Laws and Regulations section. **The title is highlighted in the vertical color bar at the edge of the page.**

In addition, if you plan to hunt on a **Wildlife Management Area (WMA)**, read **pages 35-38**, as specific rules apply to these areas. This year, new non-toxic shot requirements are in effect for all species hunted on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). In addition, new changes are in effect regarding use of blinds, trespass, and motor vehicles.

The Nevada Hunt Book is designed to be used with the season and bag brochures that will be published later this year: **Furbearer and Upland Game** regulations will be available in September, and **Migratory Bird** regulations in October. **Be sure of your legal hunting hours, check the sunrise/sunset tables at the back of the book or on our website at www.ndow.org before heading out to determine legal hunting times in your area.**

Good luck, and enjoy your hunts in Nevada.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Hunter Education Requirements: (NRS 502.330) Persons born after January 1, 1960, must take a hunter education course before obtaining a hunting license. See page 8 for requirements and acceptable proof of hunter education certification.

Purchasing a License: Licenses can be purchased from independent agents, and from Nevada Division of Wildlife offices in Reno, Fallon, Winnemucca, Elko, Ely, Las Vegas, and Henderson.

License Requirements: (NRS 502.010) Any person 12 years of age or older, who hunts game birds or game mammals in Nevada is required to have a hunting license or combination hunting and fishing license.

License Exemptions: (NAC 503.193) A hunting license is not required to hunt **unprotected** wild birds (English house sparrows and European starlings) or **unprotected** mammals (black-tailed jackrabbits, coyote, skunk, weasel, and ground squirrel).

Residency Requirements: (NRS 502.015) A person is considered to be a resident of the State of Nevada if he is: A citizen of, or is lawfully entitled to remain in the United States; **and** during the 6 months prior to applying for a license, tag or permit he: was domiciled in Nevada; was physically present in Nevada except for temporary absences; **and** did not purchase or apply for any resident license, tag or permit to hunt, fish or trap in another state, country or province.

Students and resident eligibility: (NRS 502.015) A person who does not make his home in Nevada but who attends a Nevada college or university as a full-time student is eligible for a resident license, tag or permit, if they can meet the remaining requirements: **Physically** present (except for temporary absences) in Nevada for the 6 months prior to application; and **did not purchase or apply** for any resident license, tag or permit to hunt, fish or trap in another state, country or province.

False Statement: (NRS 502.060) Any person who makes any false statement or furnishes false information to obtain any license, tag or permit from the Division is guilty of a misdemeanor; false statements to obtain a big game tag constitute a gross misdemeanor offense.

Youths and Possession of License: Children under age 12 cannot legally hunt big game in Nevada. Youths 14 years and older who possess a valid license and have received parental permission may hunt unaccompanied. See NRS 202.300 on page 8. If a child under age 18 is applying for a license to hunt, the child's parent or legal guardian must sign the application and an attached statement acknowledging that the parent or legal guardian has been advised of the provisions of NRS 41.472.

Possession and Display of License: (NRS 502.120) Every person required to have a license while hunting, trapping, or fishing shall have that license in his possession and available for inspection upon demand of any officer authorized to enforce the fish and game laws of the state of Nevada.

HUNTING LICENSES AND FEES

The 2003 License Year is March 1, 2003 - Feb. 29, 2004

<u>Resident Hunting Licenses:</u>	<u>Class:</u>	<u>Fees:</u>
General Hunting License (18 years or older)	20	\$24.00
*Pre-Adult Hunting License (16 - 17 years old)	60	\$24.00
*Junior Hunting License (12 - 15 years old)	21	\$5.00
Senior Hunting License (65 years or older, with 5 years continuous Nevada residency)	22	\$5.00
Serviceman's Hunting License (Issued to bona fide Nevada residents on <u>active duty</u> in the Armed Forces but <u>not</u> stationed in the State of Nevada)	23	\$6.00
Severe Disability Hunting License (Requirements listed in NRS 502.245. Available only through NDOW offices.)	04	\$5.00
Indian Hunting & Fishing License (Resident Indian as defined in NRS 502.280 Available only through NDOW offices.)	01	Free
Disabled Veteran Hunting & Fishing License (Nevada resident veteran who has incurred a service connected disability of 50 percent or more. Available only through NDOW offices.)	03	Free
Combination Hunting & Fishing License (18 years or older)	24	\$39.00
*Pre-Adult Combination Hunting & Fishing License (16 - 17 years old)	61	\$39.00
*Junior Combination Hunting & Fishing License (12 - 15 years old)	26	\$8.00
Senior Combination Hunting & Fishing License (65 years or older, with 5 years of continuous Nevada residency)	25	\$8.00
Severe Disability Combo Hunting & Fishing License (Requirements listed in NRS 502.245. Available only through NDOW offices.)	06	\$8.00

<u>Nonresident Licenses:</u>	<u>Class:</u>	<u>Fees:</u>
General Hunting License (18 years or older)	28	\$111.00
*Pre-Adult Hunting License (17 years or younger)	62	\$111.00

***FOR THESE LICENSES, A PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED**

Permits & Fees:

Nonresident Short-Term Permit to Hunt Upland Game & Waterfowl	\$16.00
Each Consecutive Day Added to Short-Term Permit	\$5.00

TAG AND STAMP FEES

In Nevada, big game seasons are established for antelope, deer, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and mountain lion. Tags for all species but mountain lion are allocated through a random computerized tag draw system held in early June. Mountain lion tags are available over the counter at license agents and Division regional offices statewide.

TAG FEES

DEER

Resident Deer Tag	\$25.00
Nonresident Deer Tag	\$200.00
Nonresident Restricted (Guided) Deer Tag	\$300.00

ANTELOPE

Resident Antelope Tag	\$50.00
Nonresident Antelope Tag	\$250.00

BIGHORN SHEEP

Resident Bighorn Sheep Tag	\$100.00
Nonresident Bighorn Sheep Tag	\$1,000.00

ELK

Resident Elk Tag	\$100.00
Nonresident Elk Tag	\$1,000.00

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Resident Mountain Goat Tag	\$100.00
Nonresident Mountain Goat Tag	\$1,000.00

MOUNTAIN LION TAGS - see page 19

Resident Mountain Lion Tag	\$26.00
Nonresident Mountain Lion Tag	\$101.00

TAG APPLICATION FEES (NONREFUNDABLE)

Elk	\$15.00
Nonresident Restricted Guided Deer Hunt	\$10.00
Landowner Damage Compensation	\$10.00
All Other Hunts	\$10.00
Predator Control Fee -- all tags	\$3.00
Online Application Fee -- all tags	\$2.00

TRAPPING LICENSES/FEES - see pages 29-30

Resident, 16 and over	\$31.00
Resident, 15 and under	\$6.00
Resident Fur Dealer's License	\$50.00
Trap Registration Number (not mandatory)	\$5.00
Nonresident Trapping License	\$151.00
Nonresident Fur Dealers License	\$151.00

MIGRATORY BIRD STAMPS & TAGS - see page 31

Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp	\$15.00
State Duck Stamp	\$5.00
Swan Tag	\$5.00
Swan Tag Application Fee	\$10.00

UPLAND GAME - see pages 33-34

Resident Turkey Tag	\$20.00
Nonresident Turkey Tag	\$50.00
Turkey Application Fee	\$10.00

2003 Application Dates and Deadlines

Big Game Tag Draw Deadline	April 21, 2003
Big Game Main Draw Results Available	June 20, 2003
Big Game Second Draw Deadline	July 7, 2003
Second Draw Results Available	July 18, 2003
Remaining Tags Available (for manual drawing)	July 25, 2003
Close of Big Game Remaining Tag Sales	November 28, 2003
Big Game Return Card Questionnaire Due Back	No later than the 15th day following the close of the season to which the tag applies.

MAP RESOURCES

A list of map vendors known to sell USGS topographic maps can be found on the Division of Wildlife's web site at: www.ndow.org. Other map vendors may also be found by calling: Map Quest: 1-800-627-0039.

DEFINITIONS

As used in this regulation pamphlet:

“Big game mammal” means any: pronghorn antelope, black bear, mule deer, mountain goat, mountain lion, Rocky Mountain elk; or one of the following subspecies of bighorn sheep: (a) Nelson bighorn sheep; (b) California bighorn sheep; or (c) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

“Bucks only” means only deer that have at least one antler.

“Antler point” means a projection that is at least one inch in length, with the length exceeding the width of its base, excluding the first point on the main beam commonly known as the eye guard on mule deer.

“Antlerless deer only” means, in a designation of deer that may be taken during an open season, only deer without antlers.

“Antlerless elk” means any elk without antlers.

“Antlerless elk only” means, in a designation of elk that may be taken during an open season, only elk without antlers.

“Bulls only” means, in a designation of elk that may be taken during an open season, only elk having at least one antler.

“Closed season” means all periods except those designated as “open season.”

“Commission” means the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, unless otherwise stated.

“Division” means the Division of Wildlife of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

“Furbearing mammal” means beaver, bobcat, kit, gray and red fox, martin, mink, muskrat, nutria, and river otter.

“Game mammal” means antelope; black bear; mule deer; mountain goat; mountain lion; moose; peccary; cottontail, pygmy, snowshoe and white-tailed jack rabbit; desert, Nelson, California and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep; and Rocky Mountain elk.

“Hunting” means to search for, pursue or attract wild mammals or birds for the purpose and with the means of capturing, injuring or killing them, every attempt to do so, and any assistance to others in doing so.

“Open season” means that period designated during which it is legal to fish or to hunt game mammals or game birds or to

hunt or to trap furbearing mammals. Such a period includes the first day and the last day designated.

“Migratory game birds” means wild ducks, mergansers, geese, and swans; wild doves and pigeons; rails, coots and gallinules; and woodcocks and snipes.

“Regular season” means an open season for which tags are placed on general sale without limit as to the number of resident hunters who may participate, and which shall be statewide in extent, except for variation in date between districts or the reservation of any area for special management as a special season. The number of nonresident tags may be limited by district in a regular season.

“Spike elk” means any elk without branching on either antler.

“Spike elk only” means, in a designation of elk that may be taken during an open season, only elk without branching on either antler.

“Special season” means an open season for which tags are placed on restricted sale to residents and nonresidents, whereby only a certain number may be issued, as determined by lot or otherwise. Special seasons are those designed for special management or control not possible in regular seasons.

“Trapping” means to set or operate any device designed, built or made to close upon or hold fast any wild mammal or wild bird and every act of assistance to any person in so doing.

“Unprotected species” include coyote, black-tailed jack rabbit, spotted and striped skunk, and long-tailed and short-tailed weasel, badger, raccoon and ring-tailed cat.

“Upland game birds” means blue, ruffed, sage and sharp-tailed grouse; chukar, Hungarian, and snow partridge; ring-necked and white-wing pheasant; bobwhite, California, Gambel's, mountain and scaled quail; North American wild turkey, and American crow.

“Waterfowl” means ducks, mergansers, geese, and swans.

“Wildlife” means any wild mammal, wild bird, fish, reptile, amphibian, mollusk or crustacean found naturally in a wild state, whether indigenous to Nevada or not, and whether raised in captivity or not.



STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE WEEDS!



Any time people or their animals work or play in areas infested by invasive weeds, there is a chance they will move the infestation to a new area.

When invasive weeds spread, they displace native plant species that provide food and habitat for wildlife, people and livestock.

Weeds cost us money by reducing the land's natural and agricultural productivity and can increase maintenance costs and reduce the usefulness of recreation areas as well. Some estimates place the economic impact of fighting leafy spurge in 1990 at more than \$100 million in the Great Plains alone.

How it happens

When a vehicle is driven through a weed-infested area, weed seeds may become lodged between the tire treads, in the coils of a winch, behind the license plate, or in cracks and crevices on the underside of the vehicle. Seeds may travel hundreds of miles before becoming dislodged in an area where weeds were

not previously found. The source of many infestations has been traced to roads, trails, railroads and other transportation corridors.

Weeds can pass through the digestive tracts of animals and still grow. Pack animals that receive contaminated feed before being moved to hunting or riding areas can deposit weed seeds in the new location days later. Animals to be moved should therefore receive only feed that is certified weed-free at least 96 hours before entering back country areas. Pack animals should also be brushed before relocating, and their hooves should be cleaned to remove any weed seeds.

Because many invasive weeds have pretty flowers, they are often picked and used in floral arrangements. New weed infestations can be established when seeds shake off while the "pretty flowers" are being transported, or after the flowers are discarded. Some weeds can develop roots and produce new plants directly from parts, even after weeks of use as decorations.

What you can do -

- ✓ Drive only on established roads and trails away from weed infested areas.
- ✓ When using pack animals, carry only feed that is certified weed-free for all states.
- ✓ For 96 hours prior to entering back country areas, feed pack animals only feed that is certified weed-free.
- ✓ Remove weed seeds from pack animals by brushing them thoroughly and cleaning their hooves before transporting.
- ✓ If you find a few weeds without flowers or seeds, pull them and leave them where found. If flowers or seeds are present,

place the weeds in a plastic bag or similar container and dispose of them properly.

If you find a weed-infested area, let the landowner or land managing agency know so that they can take steps to control the weeds. As outdoor recreationists spending considerable time in the back country, your assistance is of great value in the war against invasive weeds!

NEVADA CERTIFIED WEED-FREE FORAGE PRODUCERS

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Gardnerville, NV 89410
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grass, alfalfa, oats

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Yerington, NV 89447
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alfalfa, grass

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Yerington, NV 89447
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Winnemucca, NV 89445
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Green's Feed
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Reno, NV
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Wakimoto Farm Store
11925 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV
(702)361-3441

A TRUE HUNTER'S CHOICE

By Les Smith, NDOW Outdoor Education Coordinator

Every day of hunting season, hunters all across Nevada are faced with a thousand little decisions: when to head out, where to hunt, when to start hunting, which drainage to hunt, how many birds to take, when to go home. But, there are some decisions that a true hunter only has to make once.

From the moment a true hunter knows what is right, there is no longer a choice. **When confronted with a questionable situation, there is no question, a true hunter will err on the side of being "too legal."** True hunters stop hunting well within the legal limit of ducks, never take the chancy shot at a running or distant deer, always get permission before setting foot on private land and would never even consider publicly displaying an animal in a manner disrespectful to the animal or offensive to people.

"For some questionable hunters it's a matter of seeing how far the rules will bend before they break," said Doug Nielsen, Nevada Division of Wildlife game warden, with Hunter Education and Boating Safety Education experience, "But, a true hunter already has in mind what he's going to do. He's always willing to do the right thing, no matter the cost, even if it means he won't get a deer this year, or doesn't take home any game at the end of the day." Nielsen recalls the three questions he used in the Hunter Education classes he taught, **"Is it legal? Is it fair? Is it right?"** The responsible hunter always has these questions in the back of his mind. If true hunter can't immediately answer yes to all three questions, he won't take a shot."

To Nielsen, the true hunter goes beyond the laws and rules of hunting. For them, hunting is not just a matter of killing something to eat

or hang on the wall at home. True hunters see the "big picture." They have a thirst for knowledge about the game they hunt, other wildlife that shares their world and the open country in which they live. **"Because he sees the big picture, the true hunter shows great respect for the animals he hunts, by the way he hunts and the way he treats the natural world,"** said Nielsen, "He also respects other hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts who don't hunt. A true hunter isn't just hunting to kill an animal; he becomes immersed in the whole experience."

According to Nielsen, true hunters hunt to reach back to their roots, create a bond with the natural world and learn to be more self-sufficient. For Nielsen, his father's grandfather and great-grandfather were all hunters, and the hunting tradition was something they passed along to him, including their natural sense of fair chase and the hunter's place in the natural world. Reaching back to his hunting roots is like an easy campfire talk with his family back for as many generations as he can remember. Being aware and alive to the slightest sign or nuance in the outdoors is as much a part of hunting as caring for his gun or bow.

"We humans were hunters and predators before we were anything else, even farmers," said Nielsen, "It's completely natural for us to hunt, but we have to discipline ourselves not to take unfair advantage of our prey, not to 'cheat' just to put meat on the table or a trophy over the fireplace." For Nielsen, like all true hunters, it doesn't matter as much whether or not he takes an animal as it does that he hunts well. **Hunting well becomes the measure of success.**

TAKING STOCK OF NEVADA'S WILDLIFE

By Geoff Schneider

Today the management of Nevada's big game herds is an intensive year around endeavor that requires the coordination of helicopters, pilots, biologists and ground crews who work together to survey herds in every corner of the state.

Gregg Tanner, chief of game for the Nevada Division of Wildlife said that the agency's two helicopters and their pilots have ambitious flight schedules that puts them in the air every month of the year as they work with biologists and support crews to get vital survey information.

"Nevada has one of the most, if not the most, intensive big game management programs in the nation. The information that we gather is vital for us to properly manage herds," Tanner said.

Flight schedules are put together annually that keep the helicopters and their pilots busily moving around the state in order to survey the state's antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk and mountain goat. These flight schedules allow biologists who are assigned to specific areas of the state to take to the air to inventory their assigned big game herds.

Tanner said that in most instances, antelope are surveyed in the fall, elk in the winter and deer in the spring. Bighorn sheep surveys take place at various times of the year.

"Aerial surveys are a great way for biologists to assess big game herds and see what trends may be developing, such as if a herd is gaining or losing population. It also give us a chance to view the habitat and other important factors that may be impacting a herd," Tanner said.

Tanner said that the purpose of the surveys is to monitor the status

and trends of game populations in order to develop reasonable harvest objectives and quotas for the big game hunts. This is done by obtaining ratios for the number of males to females and adults to yearlings.

While this may seem like an easy process, there is actually a considerable amount of science involved. For instance, it is virtually impossible for biologists to count every animal in an area that covers thousands of square miles. Because of this, formulas are used to estimate herd populations.

After quota recommendations are developed, they are provided to each of the 17 county wildlife advisory boards in the state for their input. This input from the counties is then given with the biologist's recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners who set season dates and quotas.

"Besides getting a view of their herds, biologists use these surveys to see what is going on in their areas. For instance they may see that water sources have dried up because of drought or that cattle grazing or use by horses and burros have had impacts. All of this is important for the management and survival of native wildlife," said Tanner.

Survey and inventory of big game herds has become an intensive and time consuming process. But the benefits are considerable for recreational purposes and the overall health of the state's big game herds.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Hunter Education Requirements (NRS 502.330)

Persons born after January 1, 1960 must take a hunter education course before obtaining a hunting license.

- The following will be accepted as proof of hunter education:
 - A certificate showing successful completion of a hunter safety course;
 - An equivalent certificate of completion of a course in hunter responsibilities provided by a state or an agency of a Canadian province for the management of wildlife; or

A hunting license issued to the hunter in a previous year by the Division of Wildlife, a state, or an agency of a Canadian province, which bears a number or other unique mark showing proof that a course of instruction on the responsibilities of hunters has been successfully completed.

Any person convicted of violating NRS 503.165 (Loaded rifle or shotgun in or on a vehicle unlawful) or 503.175 (discharging a firearm from, over highways unlawful) may not obtain a hunting license until he has successfully completed a course in the responsibilities of hunters.

Use or Possession of Firearm by a Child Under 18 Years Old (NRS 202.300)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a child under the age of 18 years shall not handle or have in his possession or under his control, except while accompanied by or under the immediate charge of his parent or guardian or an adult person authorized by his parent or guardian to have control or custody of the child, any firearm of any kind for hunting or target practice or for other purposes. A child who violates this subsection commits a delinquent act and the court may order the detention of the child in the same manner as if the child had committed an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.



The Nevada Division of Wildlife provides hunter education courses year round through its regional offices. For more information contact your regional hunter education coordinator or check our website at www.ndow.org.

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5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, a child who is 14 years of age or older, who has in his possession a valid license to hunt, may handle or have in his possession or under his control, without being accompanied by his parent or guardian....:

(a) A rifle or shotgun that is not a fully automatic firearm, if the child is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the rifle or shotgun and the child has the permission of his parent or guardian to handle or have in his possession or under his control the rifle or shotgun;

or
(b) A firearm capable of being concealed upon the person, if the child has the written permission of his parent or guardian to handle or have in his possession or under his control such a firearm and the child is not otherwise prohibited by law from possession such a firearm, and the child is traveling to the area in which he will be hunting or returning from that area and the firearm is not loaded, or the child is hunting pursuant to that license.

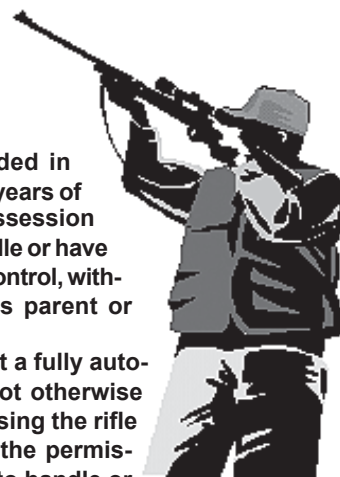
6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, a child who is 14 years of age or older may handle or have in his possession or under his control a rifle or shotgun that is not a fully automatic firearm if the child is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the rifle or shotgun, without being accompanied by his parent or guardian or an adult person authorized by his parent or guardian to have control or custody of him, if the child has the permission of his parent or guardian to handle or have in his possession or under his control the rifle or shotgun and the child is:

- (a) Attending a course of instruction in the responsibilities of hunters or a course of instruction in the safe use of firearms;
- (b) Practicing the use of a firearm at an established firing range or at any other area where the discharge of a firearm is permitted;
- (c) Participating in a lawfully organized competition or performance involving the use of a firearm;
- (d) Within an area in which the discharge of firearms has not been prohibited by local ordinance or regulation and he is engaging in a lawful hunting activity in accordance with chapter 502 of NRS for which a license is not required;
- (e) Traveling to or from any activity described in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d), and the firearm is not loaded;
- (f) On real property that is under the control of an adult, and the child has the permission of that adult to possess the firearm on the real property; or
- (g) At his residence.

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Note: Blaze orange is not required to hunt in Nevada.



LEGAL WEAPONS BY TYPE OF HUNT

(NRS 503.150, NAC 503.142, NAC 503.187, NAC 503.183, NAC 503.144)




1. Any Legal Weapon Hunt: (NRS 503.150)

During a big game hunt that authorizes the use of "any legal weapon," the following types of weapons are allowed: centerfire rifle, centerfire handguns, muzzleloading rifle or musket, shotguns (deer and mountain lion only), and archery equipment, **as described below under legal weapons**. Muzzleloading rifles or muskets must meet the same characteristics as that described below for the muzzleloader-only hunt, but **may have** a rifle scope.

2. Muzzleloader Only Hunt

During a "muzzleloader only" hunt, big game may be hunted only with a muzzleloading rifle or musket, using the following bullets: lead ball, lead bullet, semijacketed bullet, or a metal alloy bullet that expands. A sabot round may be used.

A muzzleloader used in "muzzleloader only" hunts must have the following characteristics:

-  A wheel lock, matchlock, or flintlock ignition system, or percussion ignition system,
-  A single barrel of caliber .45 inch or larger, and
-  Open sights or peep sights (no scopes).

While in the field during a "muzzleloader only" hunt, the tagholder may only carry an authorized muzzleloading rifle or musket, or a flintlock or percussion handgun. It is unlawful to carry a longbow and arrow or any other type of firearm. A muzzleloading rifle or musket is not considered loaded if the priming compound or element, such as the priming powder or the unfired primer or percussion cap, is removed.

3. Archery Hunt (NAC 503.144)

During an archery hunt, it is illegal for a person to carry any firearm into the field while hunting. For archery hunts, a longbow (includes any recurved bow or compound bow) and arrow must, in the hands of the user, be capable of throwing a 400-grain arrow 150 yards over level terrain. Arrows used in hunting big game animals must have hunting tips at least 3/4 inch wide.

LEGAL WEAPONS AND METHODS OF TAKE BY SPECIES

Legal Weapons for big game mammals include:

Centerfire rifle, held in the hand, of .22 caliber or larger.

Centerfire handgun: Must have a barrel length of 4 inches or more and use a cartridge of caliber .22 or larger with an overall loaded length of 2 inches or more; **OR**, .24 caliber or larger with a case length which equals or exceeds that of a .44 Remington magnum case.

Shotgun: The only big game animals that may be hunted with a shotgun are deer and mountain lion. For deer, rifled slugs must be used. No shotgun smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge may be used. (See NAC 503.170, page 35, for legal weapons allowed on the Smith and Mason Valleys and in the Fort Churchill and Lahontan State Recreation Area zones.)

Muzzleloading rifle and musket as described above in number 2.

Longbow and arrow: as described above in number 3.

Legal Methods of Take for Small Game Mammals:

Small game mammals (cottontail, white-tailed jackrabbits) may be taken with a handgun, shotgun, rifle, longbow and arrow, or by falconry.

Legal Methods of Take for Game Birds:

Game birds may be taken with a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge held in the hand, longbow and arrow, or by falconry.

Legal Weapons for Hunting Turkey: (NAC 503.187)

Turkey may be taken only with a shotgun that is no larger than 10 gauge, nor smaller than 20 gauge and uses a shot size no larger than a number 2 pellet; or longbow and arrow. 3. Shot used to hunt wild turkey on a wildlife management area must be:

- (a) *non-toxic shot; and*
- (b) *not larger than standard-size T.*

Legal Methods of Take for Migratory Game Birds:

Ducks, mergansers, geese, swans, dove, coots, common moorhens (gallinules), and snipe may be taken only with a shotgun plugged to limit shot-shell capacity to three, longbow and arrow, or by falconry. **Nontoxic shot:** when hunting ducks, mergansers, geese, swans, coots, common moorhens (gallinules) or snipe, a hunter must use nontoxic shot. It is unlawful to possess shells that contain anything other than nontoxic shot when hunting these birds. See page 31. (NAC 503.183)

NEW: Nontoxic shot must be used for all species on Wildlife Management Areas.

Ammunition Restrictions - Full Automatic Weapons

Big game and game birds: No full steel, full steel core, full metal jacket, tracer or incendiary bullets or shells may be used. Firearms must not be capable of firing more than one round with one continuous pull of the trigger.

NOTE: Special firearms restrictions are in effect at Wildlife Management Areas (page 35) and National Wildlife Refuges (page 39).

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Manner of Hunting (NRS 503.150)

1. Unless otherwise specified by commission regulation, it is unlawful to hunt:

- (a) Any game bird or game mammal with any gun capable of firing more than one round with one continuous pull of the trigger, or with any full steel, full steel core, full metal jacket, tracer or incendiary bullet or shell, or any shotgun larger than number 10 gauge.
- (b) Big game mammals in any manner other than with a rifle, held in the hand, that exerts at least 1,000 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards, or with a longbow and arrow which meet the specifications established by commission regulation.
- (c) Small game mammals in any manner other than with a handgun, shotgun, rifle, longbow and arrow or by means of falconry.
- (d) Game birds with any rifle or handgun, or in any manner other than with a shotgun held in the hand, with a longbow and arrow or by means of falconry.
- (e) Migratory game birds with any shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.
- (f) Any game bird or game mammal with the aid of any artificial light.
- (g) Any big game mammal, except mountain lions, with a dog of any breed.

2. Nothing in this section prohibits the use of dogs in the hunting of game birds or small game mammals.

NOTE: See muzzleloader requirements, page 9.

Unlawful Use of Aircraft, Helicopter, Motor-driven Vehicle or Boat (NRS 503.010)

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS 503.005, it is unlawful to molest, rally, stir up or drive any game mammals or game birds with an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle, including a snowmobile, motorboat or sailboat.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, it is unlawful to shoot at any game mammals or game birds with a weapon from an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle, including a snowmobile. A person who is a paraplegic, has had one or both legs amputated or has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes his walking may shoot from a stopped motor vehicle which is not parked on the traveled portion of a public highway, but he may not shoot from, over or across a highway or road specified in NRS 503.175.
- 3. It is unlawful to spot or locate game mammals or game birds with any kind of aircraft or helicopter and communicate this information by any means to a person on the ground for the purpose of hunting or trapping.
- 4. It is unlawful to use a helicopter to transport game, hunters or hunting equipment, except when the cargo or passengers or both are loaded and unloaded at airports, airplane landing fields or heliports, which have been established by a department or agency of the federal or state government or by a county or municipal government or when the loading or unloading is done in the course of an emergency or search and rescue operation.
- 5. For the purposes of this section, "game bird" does not include a raven even if classified as a game bird pursuant to NRS 501.110.

Scouting from Aircraft (NAC 503.148)

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not, for the purpose of hunting, locate or observe, or assist a person in locating or observing, any big game mammal in a man-

agement unit described in NAC 504.210 during the period beginning 48 hours before a big game hunting season opens until the close of the season in that management unit with the use of:

- (a) An aircraft, including, without limitation, any device that is used for navigation of, or flight in, the air;
- (b) A hot air balloon or any other device that is lighter than air; or
- (c) A satellite or any other device that orbits the earth and is equipped to produce images.

2. For the purposes of subsection 1, the season for hunting a mountain lion which is open in a management unit shall be deemed not to be a big game hunting season during the period beginning after the big game hunting season for all other species of big game has closed in that management unit until the period beginning 48 hours before the opening of a big game hunting season established for hunting any other species of big game in that management unit.

3. Evidence of an act constituting a violation of subsection 1 includes, without limitation:

- (a) Flying slowly at low altitudes;
- (b) Hovering;
- (c) Circling; or
- (d) Repeatedly flying, over a forest, marsh, field, woodland or rangeland where a big game mammal is likely to be found.

4. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who:

- (a) Is acting within the scope of his official duties and who is:
 - (1) An employee or authorized agent of this state;
 - (2) An employee of a municipal or county government of this state; or
 - (3) An employee of the Federal Government;

(b) Holds a scientific permit issued by the division for the collection of wildlife and who is acting in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit; or

(c) Holds a permit issued by the division which authorizes the control of bobcats, coyotes or ravens from an aircraft and who is acting in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit.

5. The provisions of this section do not authorize any act that is prohibited by NRS 503.010.

Carrying Loaded Gun in/on Vehicle (NRS 503.165)

- 1. It is unlawful to carry a loaded rifle or loaded shotgun in or on any vehicle* which is standing on or along, or is being driven on or along, any public highway or any other way open to the public.
- 2. A rifle or shotgun is loaded, for the purposes of this section, when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell in the firing chamber, but not when the only cartridges or shells are in the magazine.
- 3. The provisions of this section do not apply to paraplegics, persons with one or both legs amputated or who have suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes walking, or peace officers and members of the armed forces of this state or the United States while on duty or going to or returning from duty.

* Includes ATV's, motorcycles.

Firing Firearm from/over Roads (NRS 503.175)

Unless a greater penalty is provided in NRS 202.287, a person who discharges a firearm from, upon, over or across any federal highway, state highway as described in NRS 408.285, or main or general county road as designated in NRS 403.170, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Possessing Firearm While Under Influence

(NRS 202.257)

1. It is unlawful for a person who:

- (a) Has 0.10 percent or more by weight of alcohol in his blood; or
- (b) Is under the influence of any controlled substance, or is under the combined influence of intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance, or any person who inhales, ingests, applies or otherwise uses any chemical, poison or organic solvent, or any compound or combination of any of these, to a degree which renders him incapable of safely exercising actual physical control of a firearm, **to have in his actual physical possession any firearm.**

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Wildlife Transport Permit (NRS 503.040)

A transportation permit is required:

1. Whenever game mammals, game birds, game fish, mammals taken by trapping, or raw furs will be transported **out of the state** by any person other than the lawful harvester.

2. Whenever a tagged species (antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, mountain goat, mountain lion, swan, and wild turkey) **will be transported anywhere by any person other than the lawful harvester; or**

3. Whenever **any** person will be transporting **more than one** possession limit of game mammals, game birds, game fish, mammals taken by trapping, or raw furs. **Permits are free when obtained from the Division. License agents may charge a fee. Permits are available from any game warden, Division offices, or certain license agents (listed on the agency web site).**

A person **may not** transport more than one daily limit of ducks, geese, swan, pigeons, dove, coots, moorhens (gallinules), or snipe between the place of harvest and his car, place of lodging, preservation facility or common carrier (see page 32).

Transportation of Animal to Taxidermist...

Restrictions (NAC 502.403)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person to whom a game tag has been lawfully issued may, in lieu of obtaining a transportation permit as described in NRS 503.040, use that portion of his game tag designated as the taxidermy record stub in the following manner:

(a) The person may ship by commercial carrier any nonedible game parts taken from the animal lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag to a commercial or noncommercial taxidermist licensed and located in this state. If such parts are placed for shipment, the taxidermy record stub must accompany the shipment.

(b) If the person reaches his place of residence with an animal which has been lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag or delivers the animal to a commercial processor for processing, he may authorize another person to transport any nonedible game parts taken from the animal to a commercial or noncommercial taxidermist licensed and located in this state. The person shall, at the time of making the authorization, print in ink on the taxidermy record stub both the name of the authorized transporter and the date of the authorization. The taxidermy record stub must accompany the transportation of the parts.

(c) The person who is specified on the tag may deliver any nonedible game parts taken from the animal lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag to a commercial or noncommercial taxidermist licensed in any state.

2. Whenever antlers are shipped, transported or delivered in the manner provided in subsection 1, the holder of the game tag shall indicate in ink on the taxidermy record stub the number of both the left and right antler points.

3. If a person who holds a game tag delivers any nonedible game parts of a game animal which he has lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag to a taxidermist before the carcass of the animal is delivered for processing to a commercial processing plant or before the carcass of the animal is taken to or left at the holder's place of residence, the holder shall obtain from the taxidermist, and the taxidermist shall provide to the holder, an itemized receipt which includes the following printed information:

- (a) The date on which the nonedible game parts were received;
- (b) The species of game from which the nonedible game parts were taken;
- (c) A brief description of each of the nonedible game parts received; and
- (d) The number of antler points, both left and right, if any, of the animal.

Both the holder of the tag and the taxidermist shall sign the receipt. The holder of the tag shall retain possession of the receipt until he acquires physical possession of the nonedible game parts specified in the receipt from the taxidermist to whom the parts were delivered.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a taxidermy record stub may not be used or possessed by any person other than the person to whom the game tag to which the stub is attached was issued.

5. A taxidermy record stub is valid only for the type of hunt, season and animal specified on the tag and may only be used as authorized in this section.

6. Nonedible game parts taken from a harvested game animal which is required to be presented to a representative of the division for inspection and branding or sealing may not be shipped, transported or delivered pursuant to the provisions of this section until the animal has been properly inspected and branded or sealed by the Division.

7. The provisions of NAC 503.173 do not apply to a person who ships, transports or delivers nonedible game parts in compliance with the provisions of this section.

8. As used in this section, "nonedible game parts" means the hide, head, skull, antlers, horns, paws, hooves or claws of any game animal. The term does not include the carcass of the animal.

Unlawful to Waste Game (NRS 503.050)

1. It is unlawful for any person to cause through carelessness, neglect or otherwise any edible portion of any game bird, game mammal, game fish or game amphibian to go to waste needlessly.

2. It is unlawful for any person to capture or destroy any game mammal, except a carnivore, and detach or remove from the carcass the head, hide, antlers, horns or tusks only and leave the carcass to waste.

3. For the purposes of subsection 1, "game bird" does not include a raven, crow or magpie even if classified as a game bird pursuant to NRS 501.110.

Sale of Nonedible Parts (NAC 503.174)

The sale of the hide, head, antlers or horns or other nonedible parts of game animals which were legally killed is permitted.

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Disguising Sex of Animals (NAC 503.175)

It is unlawful for a person to disguise or attempt to disguise the sex characteristics of any animal killed by him if sex characteristics are a determining factor in any regulation of the commission concerning hunting seasons for or possession of the animal.

Cape and Horns/Antlers of Wildlife must be Maintained with Carcass (NAC 503.173)

Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.403 (page 11), any person who kills a deer, elk, mountain goat, antelope or big-horn sheep shall, until the carcass is frozen, smoked, dried, consumed or accepted by a commercial processing plant for processing, maintain possession of both the cape extending above the eyes and the ears and any antlers or horns. The cape and any antlers or horns from the animal must be possessed in such a manner that they remain or are kept together with the carcass of the animal.

Camping Near Waterhole (NRS 503.660)

It is unlawful for any person to camp within 100 yards of a water hole in such a manner that wildlife or domestic stock will be denied access to such water hole.

Use of Flashlight in Mountain Lion Hunt (NAC 503.189)

A person who is hunting, chasing, or pursuing a mountain lion, pursuant to a mountain lion tag, and who is not in or on a motorized vehicle, may use a flashlight which is hand-held and powered by a dry cell.

Hunting on Posted Lands Without Permission (NRS 503.240)

1. It is unlawful for any person to hunt or to trap upon or within any enclosed grounds which are private property and where signs are displayed, as provided in NRS 207.200, forbidding hunting or shooting, without permission obtained from the owner or person in possession of such enclosed grounds.
2. Any person using such property for hunting or trapping purposes shall comply with the provisions of NRS 207.220.

OPERATION GAME THIEF

By Jill Olson

After responding to a reported crime, the team was busy searching for additional and critical evidence in the investigation: bullets were recovered from the body and were analyzed, gun fire trajectory was determined, tire track measurements were carefully recorded from the dirt road and blood and hair samplings were sent to the lab for DNA testing.

It may sound like a regular police investigation, maybe even something you'd see on a popular crime scene TV show, but there is a substantial difference. The crime is poaching. The victim is a bull elk shot and left to waste in the Nevada wilderness. The investigators are Nevada Division of Wildlife wardens, who often rely on **Operation Game Thief (OGT)**, an indispensable secret witness-like program, to assist in their investigations.

Wardens follow the same process when investigating a poaching incident as a police officer would in a homicide investigation. Often, NDOW wardens are tasked with the added challenge of solving the crime with no human witnesses, making the case that much harder to crack. That's where OGT becomes an invaluable tool.

Operation Game Thief, created in 1982 to protect Nevada's wildlife resources, allows anyone with information about a wildlife crime to call the toll-free hotline **1-800-992-3030**, or log on

to www.operationgamethief.org to anonymously place a report at any time. Case numbers are assigned so those who report a crime can get status reports on the case. Once a report is filed, a warden begins an investigation. One simple report may be the key to cracking a case that may have been pending for years.

Poaching, or taking wildlife unlawfully, is against the law, and the crime can lead to serious repercussions. Wardens can confiscate the poacher's equipment and charge the violator with a gross misdemeanor. Poachers may also face up to \$2,000 criminal fines and \$5,000 civil fines. Poaching crimes include killing an animal without a tag or permit; killing an animal and leaving it to waste; and taking or possessing live wildlife like a hawk or falcon without a permit.

Poaching is a serious wildlife crime, yet other wildlife violations are common, but easily avoided. In 2002, 735 wildlife citations were issued and 751 warnings were given. Hunters should check their tags, the unit boundary descriptions, and the map, before

going hunting to make sure they are hunting in the correct area and in the correct season. Tag should be clearly punched when the animal is reached. Also, hunters should ensure that there aren't any live rounds in the gun chamber when it is in their vehicle, including on the tail gate.



AVOID THESE COMMON VIOLATIONS

There are many common violations that can occur when hunting or trapping in Nevada. Some are unintentional, some are intentional. Here is a listing of the eight most common violations in the field. Check twice, take due care, and you too can avoid unnecessary citations, costly fines, and loss of equipment and hunting privileges.

If you make a mistake - for example shooting a spike, or small forked-horn deer instead of an antlerless deer - report it immediately to the local game warden or OGT. Take care of the game and wait for the warden to arrive, or follow any instructions that are provided to you. Taking the opposite approach, such as hiding or wasting game, will carry much more serious consequences.

1. Failure to Properly Punch Tag Immediately after Taking Game.

Upon reaching game, **immediately** validate (punch) the tag with a knife or other sharp object. Marking it with a pencil or pen is not acceptable. **This is a misdemeanor offense.**

If a tag is used to kill more than one animal, the crime escalates to a gross misdemeanor and all equipment used in the crime is subject to forfeiture, including guns, and vehicles. Maximum fine of \$2,000, with civil penalties of up to \$5,000 and up to one year in jail.

VALIDATION INSTRUCTIONS: Immediately after killing animal for which the tag was issued:

1. Punch out MONTH and DAY of Kill (do not punch out more than one day block).
2. Punch out POINTS RIGHT AND LEFT if buck deer or bull elk. Punch out "Q" for all other species and sex.
3. Punch out SEX of Kill.
4. Write the unit where kill occurred. Refer to brochure map.

Sample

AFTER PUNCHING: The tag must be firmly attached to the carcass of the animal, by the hunter, immediately on reaching his means of transportation or camp and shall remain with the major part of the meat until consumed. In the case of mountain lion, the tag shall be firmly attached to the hide of the animal and the tag shall remain with the raw hide while in transportation from the field. Big Horn sheep and mountain lions harvested must be sealed by a Division employee. Check your Hunt Regulation Brochure for details.

MONTH		DAY		POINTS		SEX	WRITE IN
JUN	DEC	1		Left	Right	MALE	Assess Unit, Location of Kill
JUL	JAN	2	3	1	1		
AUG	FEB	4	5	2	2		
SEP	MAR	6	7	3	3	FEMALE	
OCT	APR	8	9	4	4		
NOV	MAY	10	11	5	5		
		12	13	Over	Over		
		14	15				
		16	17				
		18	19				
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		22	23				
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		26	27				
		28	29				
		30	31				

2. Hunting Outside Unit Areas Designated on Tag.

Double-check the hunt area/unit designated on tag, and review the boundary unit descriptions on the reverse of the Division's Big Game Boundary Unit Reference Map. Purchase detailed reference maps. Know where you are. **This is a misdemeanor offense, but if an animal is killed, it can escalate to a gross misdemeanor.**

3. Loaded Gun in/on Vehicle.

Nevada law prohibits carrying loaded rifles and shotguns in or on vehicles, including ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, etc. After hunting on foot, unload the gun before placing it in or on the vehicle. **This is a misdemeanor offense.**

4. Using Tag of Another

Surprisingly common violation. Only the person named on the tag may use or possess the tag. **Misdemeanor offense unless a big game animal is killed, then it escalates to a gross misdemeanor.**

5. Exposed Bait at Trap Site (Trappers)

Exposed bait injures or kills birds of prey. Trappers must ensure that there is exposed bait at their trap site. Remember trappers, you are responsible for visiting traps every 96 hours! **This is a misdemeanor offense.**

6. Possessing An Over Limit of a Species

Possession Limit is the maximum number of a species that one person can legally take and control at any one time—this includes animals held in the freezer and ice chest.

Daily Limit is the maximum number of a species that is allowed to be harvested in any given day.

For example: A chukar hunter looks at the following possession table before going hunting.

			Daily Limit	Poss. Limit
Chukar and Hungarian Partridge	Oct. 3-Jan. 31	Statewide	6	12

He takes five chukar opening day, goes home, puts them in the freezer, and goes out the second day and takes six more chukar. On the third day, he goes out. How many chukar may he legally take? Answer: **One**, unless, he eats or gives away additional chukar.

Explanation: The hunter was one bird under his daily limit the first day, and took his daily limit the second day. He possessed 11 birds, allowing him to legally harvest one more bird on a third or subsequent day, allowing him to complete a possession limit of 12.

7. Early/Late Shooting

Do not shoot at game before or after the designated hunting hours. Check the sunset/sunrise and hunts by species table. Sunset does not mean dark! **(Refer to new species table on page 40. Also see sunrise/sunset tables pages 42-44.) This is a misdemeanor offense.**

8. Unplugged Shotgun (Waterfowl and Dove Hunters)

Waterfowl and dove hunters may not use shotguns capable of holding more than three shells. Shotguns must be plugged and rendered incapable of holding more than three shells. **Shotguns must also be plugged in all wildlife management areas regardless of species. This is a misdemeanor offense.**

TAKE CARE IN THE FIELD AND KEEP YOUR RECORD CLEAR OF VIOLATIONS

CLOSED AREAS

Areas closed to hunting and trapping:

(NAC 504.340)

The following areas are closed to all hunting and trapping:

1. Those portions of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area which are within:

(a) A 1-mile radius of Overton Landing, Willow Beach, Rogers Spring, the area for cabins at Stewart's Point, Echo Bay, Eldorado Canyon, Cottonwood Cove and the petroglyphs of Grapevine Canyon.

(b) The Lower or Boulder Basin, including all of the area from Hoover Dam to a line running north and south near the peninsula between Hamblin Bay and Rotary Cove. The townships or portions of them located within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area and included within this closed area are: T. 20 S., R. 63 E., R. 64 E., R. 65 E.; Sections 6, 7 and 18 of T. 21 S., R. 66 E.; T. 21 S., R. 63 E., R. 63 1/2 E., R. 64 E., R. 65 E. and T. 22 S., R. 64 E. and R. 65 E., M.D.B. & M.

(c) A 1/2-mile strip parallel to the west shoreline of Lake Mohave from Hoover Dam south to a point 2 miles south of the campground at Willow Beach.

(d) The area of land extending 1/2 mile west of the water elevation of Lake Mohave and the Colorado River between the southern boundary of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the crossing of those cables of the power line located approximately 5 1/4 miles north of Davis Dam and all waters between that cable and the southern boundary.

2. All portions of the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge in Churchill County south of Division Road, except that trapping is allowed to the extent authorized pursuant to 50 C.F.R. §§ 31.14 and 31.16.

3. All portions of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, except that:

(a) Hunting is allowed pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47 on designated areas of the refuge in Elko and White Pine counties and to the extent authorized by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118; and

(b)

4. All portions of the Death Valley National Park.

Note: This is not an all-encompassing list of areas closed to hunting by federal, state, and local regulations. Please contact the appropriate land management agency for information on hunting closures in specific areas.

5. All portions of the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, except that hunting is authorized on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent permitted by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

6. All portions of Clark, Lincoln and Nye counties within the boundaries of the Nellis Air Force Range, the Nevada Test Site and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, except that the hunting of bighorn sheep is authorized in certain described portions of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47 and the Nellis Air Force Range, to the extent authorized by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

7. All portions of Clark, Lincoln and Nye counties within the boundaries of the Nellis Air Force Range, the Nevada Test Site and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, except that certain described portions of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, not within the Nellis Air Force Range, will be opened for the hunting of deer pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent authorized by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

8. All portions of the Pahrnatag National Wildlife Refuge in Lincoln County, except that hunting is permitted on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent authorized by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

9. All portions of the Great Basin National Park.

10. All portions of the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, except that hunting is permitted on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent authorized by the board of wildlife commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

Limited Access in Black Rock Desert National Conservation Area (NCA)

Hunters should beware that motorized access (and mechanical devices) will be severely limited in portions of Hunt Units 012, 034, and 035 due to federal designations as a wilderness area. Hunters should check the Hunter Information Sheets on NDOW's website (www.ndow.org) or the BLM's website at www.blackrockhighrock.org/maps.asp to determine access availability.

Ask Permission Before Crossing Private Land!

BIG GAME APPLICATION REGULATIONS

Nevada Tag Draw System

In Nevada, a computerized drawing system for the allocation of big game tags has been in place since the mid-1970s. Approximately 19,000 tags are made available each year, and about 100,000 hunters apply for tags. Tag applications and regulation brochures are available in March and are sent to all who applied for a big game tag in the previous year. Other hunters may pick up a tag application from independent license agents, Division offices, or apply interactively on the web site at www.huntnevada.com. Non-residents who have not applied previously for a hunt in Nevada may call the Wildlife Administrative Services Office at 1-800-576-1020 to be placed on an application mailing list. Nonresidents born after January 1, 1960, who have not previously applied for a tag in Nevada need to apply on paper through the U.S. mail in order to submit proof of hunter education. Nonresidents can apply for a hunting license at the same time as their tag by simply including the license fee and leaving the license number blank on their tag application. Residents must purchase a hunting license prior to applying for a tag, and include the license number on their tag application.

Submitting By Mail

Hunters must then read and follow instructions to complete the application(s) and make sure they are mailed in time to arrive at the Wildlife Administrative Services Office in Fallon by 5 p.m. on the application deadline, which is the third Monday in April. (Please note that the Wildlife Administrative Services Office IS NOT THE SAME as the Division of Wildlife Office located in Fallon.) **The big game tag results will be available to the public on the third Friday in June.** Lists of successful applicants are available at NDOW offices in Reno, Fallon, Winnemucca, Ely, Elko, Henderson, Las Vegas, and on the agency web site at www.ndow.org. Those hunters who did not apply or who were unsuccessful in the first draw may submit a second draw remaining tag application with tag and processing fees. The second draw deadline is usually during the second week in July. The second draw results will be available on the third Friday in July. A final, manual draw is held for remaining tags in late July. Applications will then be processed daily until the close of tag sales.

Applicants unsuccessful in drawing a big game tag, who purchased a hunting license for the sole purpose of applying for big game tags, will receive a full refund if the unused license is returned to the Nevada Division of Wildlife's Reno Office on or prior to the last weekday of August. **If an unsuccessful applicant requests and receives a license refund, a bonus point will not be credited to the applicant for those hunts applied for that year.**

Party Application Information

Party applications are allowed only for mule deer. Residents and nonresidents cannot combine on a party application. On mule deer applications, if you plan a party application, indicate the number of hunters in your party in the box provided on each application. If there is no number in the box, you will be entered into the drawing as an individual hunter. All members of the party must list the same category of hunt and the same hunter choice numbers. Do not mix antlered, antlerless, and junior hunt categories on your application for a party application. Staple the party applications together. **NOTE: A bounced check on a party application will cause ALL party members to reject.**

Bonus Point Program Guidelines

Resident and nonresident tag applicants receive bonus points for

Note: Federal Express, Overnight, and UPS packages cannot be mailed to the post office box and must be mailed to:

**WILDLIFE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE
185 N. Maine
Fallon, NV 89406**

all hunts that have a quota set by the Wildlife Commission when they are unsuccessful in drawing a tag through the computerized random draw system. Bonus points are awarded by specific species categories. Points cannot be transferred to another person, or into another species category. Applicants are only able to accumulate one bonus point per species category each year. So if you apply for an antlered mule deer any legal weapon tag, and are unsuccessful, and then apply for an antlered mule deer archery tag, and are unsuccessful, you still only accrue one point because these are both in the antlered deer category. However, if you apply for an any legal weapon antlered deer tag, and are unsuccessful, and then apply for a doe tag, and are unsuccessful, you would receive a bonus point for each because they are in two different categories—antlered deer and antlerless deer. **A hunter loses his/her bonus points in a particular species category when he/she is successful at obtaining a tag or fails to apply for a tag within that species category for two consecutive years. Bonus points are not earned if an applicant requests and receives a hunting license refund. For more on bonus points, see NAC 502.4187, NAC 502.4188, NAC 502.4189, NAC 502.42371, and NAC 502.42372.**

Resident Junior Youth Hunts/Eligibility

The Resident Junior Mule Deer Hunt is an either sex hunt that allows the junior hunter to hunt during the archery season when the unit is open for archery only; to hunt with a muzzleloader when the unit is open for muzzleloader only; and to hunt with any legal weapon when the unit is open for any legal weapon. Youths must be 12 prior to the opening of the first hunt season for the hunter choice number applied for (usually archery), and no older than 16 by the end of the last season applied for (usually rifle). If a junior hunt applicant is unsuccessful in drawing a tag, bonus points will be awarded for the junior hunt only, junior bonus points do not apply to other hunts.

NAC 502.063 "Junior hunt" defined. "Junior hunt" means a hunt authorized by a regulation of the commission which is limited to an applicant who:

1. Possesses a hunting license or a combined hunting and fishing license;
2. Will attain his 12th birthday before the first day of each hunting season to which his application relates; and
3. Will not attain his 17th birthday until after the last day of each hunting season to which his application relates.

2004 Application Regulations for 1235 Hunt

Hunt 1235 is a nonresident guided hunt. The tag draw and results are available much earlier than the regular tag draw. Applications are generally available in February. **See page 25 for regulations.** The Wildlife Administrative Services Office will only accept those applications received through a postal service or online through the Internet until 5:00 p.m. on March 12, 2004. **MAIL TO: Wildlife Administrative Services Office, P.O. Box 1345, Fallon, Nevada 89407, ATTN: NRGH.**

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All applications submitted, including late applications, will be assessed the non-refundable application fee as per NAC 502.331. Applications received after 5:00 p.m., on March 12, 2004 will be processed as late applications and are not eligible for the draw. The results of the restricted nonresident guided deer tag drawing will be available March 31, 2004. Unsuccessful applicants in the restricted nonresident deer drawing will be eligible to apply for one of the nonresident special deer seasons.

Depredation Hunts/Eligibility

There are two types of depredation hunts: regular depredation hunts which are applied for through the tag draw process, and emergency depredation hunts which are arranged by the Division on an as-needed basis, and are listed at the back of the application brochure. Neither of the two types of depredation hunts affects eligibility restrictions stated in NAC 502.341 and NAC 502.361 (see pages 17-18 for eligibility restrictions).

Second Draw Application Eligibility

A second drawing will be held for all remaining quotas for deer, antelope, elk, mountain goat and subspecies of bighorn sheep. Applicants who are eligible may apply for remaining tags in the second drawing.

Applications must be mailed to the **WILDLIFE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE, P.O. BOX 1345, FALLON, NEVADA 89407-1345** through a postal service, or submitted online through the Internet at www.huntnevada.com. The applicant is responsible for mailing applications to the correct address. Applications received at Division of Wildlife offices will be date stamped and returned to the applicant. **DO NOT MAIL APPLICATIONS TO THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE.**

Second Draw Deadline

The Wildlife Administrative Services Office will only accept those applications received until 5:00 p.m., on the first Monday in July. All applications received after 5:00 p.m. on that date will be processed as late applications and are not eligible for the draw. Late applications will be assessed the non-refundable application fee as per NAC 502.331.

Second Draw Results

Results of the second drawing will be provided by the third Friday in July. Information will not be given over the phone until then. The draw reports will be available at the Wildlife Administrative Services Office and at the Division offices in Reno, Elko, Winnemucca, Ely, Fallon, Henderson, and Las Vegas on the third Friday in July. Following the second drawing, any remaining quotas for deer, antelope, elk, mountain goat and any subspecies of bighorn sheep will be available to eligible applicants through a manual drawing process. If the application is for a remaining tag for a season that is already in progress the applicant must be a least 12 years old at the time the application is submitted.

Remaining Tags

Applications must be mailed to the **WILDLIFE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE, P.O. BOX 1345, FALLON, NEVADA 89407-1345** through a postal service and received on or after the fourth Friday in July. The applicant is responsible for mailing applications to the correct address. Applications received at Division of Wildlife offices will be date stamped and returned to the applicant. Correction notices will not be generated for the manual drawing.

Manual Draw Regulation

After tags have been issued for a special season by using the computerized system of drawing and alternate list, the Division shall provide all eligible hunters with an equal opportunity to apply for any remaining tags by mail as follows:

1. The Commission shall select an initial date as the first date upon which the Division may accept envelopes containing applications for those tags. The Division shall reject any applications for those tags received before that date.
2. The Division shall not act upon applications for those tags until the fourth day following the initial date. At that time it shall mix together and act upon the applications received during the preceding 3 days before acting upon any other applications.
3. On the fourth and subsequent days following the initial date, the Division shall act upon applications for those tags on the date they are received. An applicant who is unsuccessful in obtaining a tag pursuant to this section must not be awarded a bonus point for use in any subsequent drawing to award tags.

All big game tag sales close November 28, 2003 except as provided by other regulations of the Commission.

2003 Return Card Questionnaire Address

The questionnaire issued as part of a tag must be properly completed and received by the Wildlife Administrative Services Office, P.O. Box 1345, Fallon, Nevada 89407-1345 or submitted online at www.huntnevada.com no later than 5 p.m., **15 days after the close of the season to which the tag applies. Any person who fails to return the questionnaire within the period specified or who submits incomplete or false information on the questionnaire will be denied all big game tags for one year.**

Any person who has been denied all big game tags pursuant to the provisions of this section may have those privileges reinstated if he pays the Division an administrative fine of \$50 for each such questionnaire. The administrative fine for failure to return the 2003 big game hunting questionnaire must be paid by money order or cashier's check payable to the Division of Wildlife, License Office, 4600 Kietzke Ln #D-135, Reno, NV 89502 on or before March 19, 2004.

Cancellation of Tag & Conditions of Refund (NAC 502.422)

1. The Division may cancel a tag and provide a refund if the Division issues the tag in error.
2. The Division shall provide a refund if the holder of a tag:
 - (a) Dies, as verified by a certificate of death;
 - (b) Incurs a disability, as verified in writing by a physician, which prevents him from hunting during the season for which the tag was issued; **or**
 - (c) Is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and is transferred, as verified by a copy of his orders or other proof satisfactory to the Division, to a location which makes it impracticable for him to hunt in the area for which the tag was issued, **and** his tag is returned to the Division before the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued. If the holder was a nonresident who obtained his hunting license with his tag, the hunting license may be returned with the tag. The refund must be mailed within 90 days after the Division receives the tag and, if applicable, the hunting license.
3. If a refund is provided pursuant to this section, the Division shall:
 - (a) Return all the fees submitted with the application for the tag except the fee required pursuant to NAC 502.331; and

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(b) Treat the recipient of the refund, with respect to his eligibility to obtain a tag and to be awarded a bonus point, as if the tag had not been issued and the applicant was unsuccessful.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.421, the Division is not required to refill a quota for the issuance of tags if the application of this section reduces the number of tags issued to less than a quota.

Use of Tags (NAC 502.385)

1. The tag must be carried by the owner at all times while he is hunting or trapping, or while he is fishing, for wildlife for which a tag is required. It is unlawful for any person to use or possess a tag issued to any other person or to transfer or give a tag issued to him to any other person.

2. It is unlawful for a person to use any tag in a management area or unit for which it is not intended or to use a tag at any time other than at the time intended.

3. After it has been issued, a tag may not be exchanged or a refund made except in accordance with the policies and regulations of the Commission.

Validation of Tag (NAC 502.390)

When a person reaches any wildlife which he has killed, he must validate his tag by cleanly **punching** out the spaces necessary to properly identify the physical description of the animal including its sex and antler points, where appropriate, and the day and month of the kill.

Tag Must be Attached to Animal (NAC 502.400)

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, the owner of a tag must firmly attach it to the carcass of an animal killed by him, at or before the time he first reaches his means of transportation or camp. The tag must remain with the major portion of the meat until it is consumed.

2. If the animal killed is a mountain lion or fur-bearing animal for which a tag is required, the owner of the tag must firmly attach it to the hide or pelt of the animal. The tag must remain attached to the hide while it is transported and until it is processed.

Mountain Goat Tags (NAC 502.364)

1. Before a person may hunt a mountain goat, he must obtain a tag from the Division. Except as otherwise provided by a regulation of the Commission or Title 45 of NRS, a person of the State of Nevada may apply once for a mountain goat tag in any year. Except as otherwise provided by NRS 502.215 and NAC 502.321, a person who obtains a mountain goat tag or replacement tag for mountain goat may not apply for another mountain goat tag during his lifetime.

2. A person who harvests a mountain goat shall, within 5 days after harvesting it, **personally** present the skull, hide and any edible portion of the animal, or its carcass to a representative of the Division for inspection.---

3. A person who is unsuccessful in harvesting a mountain goat shall, **within 5 days after the open season, present the unused tag to a representative of the Division for cancellation.** It is unlawful to possess an unused tag that has not been canceled within 5 days after the season.

Bighorn Sheep Tags (NAC 502.345)

1. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to apply for a tag for one or more of the following subspecies of bighorn sheep:

- (a) Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep;
- (b) California bighorn sheep; or
- (c) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep,

if he did not receive a tag or replacement tag for that subspecies in the previous 5 open seasons or kill a bighorn sheep of that subspecies in the previous 10 open seasons.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3, 4 or 5, if an applicant, upon a drawing, becomes eligible for a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area, he or his guide or subguide who is licensed by this state, must attend an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep. The tag will be issued upon the completion of the course. **(NOTE: See page 12 for list of indoctrination courses).**

3. An applicant, upon a drawing, who becomes eligible for a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area, is not required to attend an indoctrination course if:

- (a) Upon a drawing conducted in 1990, or later, he was eligible to draw a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area; and**
- (b) He attended and completed an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep after the date that he became eligible for the tag.**

4. A master guide or subguide licensed by the Division who attends and completes an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep in 1998, or later, will not be required to attend another such indoctrination course.

5. The administrator may excuse an applicant who, upon a drawing, becomes eligible for a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area from attending an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep.

6. Any person electing to have a licensed guide or subguide attend the indoctrination course may hunt only under the direct supervision of the guide or subguide who attended the course.

7. Each hunter shall possess a binocular with a minimum power of 5 magnifications or a spotting scope with a minimum power of 15 magnifications while hunting bighorn sheep.

8. A person who kills a bighorn sheep regardless of subspecies shall, within 5 days after killing it, personally present the skull and horns of the animal to a representative of the Division for inspection. The inspector shall permanently attach a seal to or permanently brand an identification number on one of the horns. It is unlawful for any person to possess or sell the horns without a seal having been so attached or number so branded.---

9. Any person who transfers ownership of a skull of a bighorn sheep to which a seal has been attached or an identification number has been branded pursuant to this section shall give written notice of the transfer to the Division within 10 days after the transfer.

Antelope Tags (NAC 502.341)

1. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to apply once in any year for one of the following tags:

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Antelope Tags

(a) A tag for the general hunt for antelope if he did not receive a tag or replacement tag for the general hunt for antelope during the 5 previous years.

(b) A tag for the archery hunt for antelope.

2. Any person who obtains a tag or replacement tag for the general hunt for antelope during a season is not eligible to apply for another tag for the general hunt for antelope during the next five open seasons.

3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.215 and NAC 502.321, any person who harvests an antelope in the general hunt or in the archery hunt for antelope is not eligible to apply for another tag for the general hunt or the archery hunt during the next five open seasons.

Elk Tags (NAC 502.361)

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 or unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, a person is eligible to apply once for a bull elk tag in any year if he did not receive a bull elk tag or a replacement tag for a bull elk in the previous 5 years. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, a person is eligible to apply once for an antlerless elk tag in any year.

2. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, a person is eligible to apply once for a spike elk tag in any year if he did not receive a spike elk tag or a replacement tag for a spike elk in the previous year.

3. A person who obtains a bull elk tag or a replacement tag for a bull elk and is successful in harvesting a bull elk is not eligible to apply for another bull elk tag during the next 10 years.



Elk Incentive Tags

Special incentive elk tags are awarded to landowner applicants as an incentive to support an increase in the elk population in Nevada. Any owner, lessee or manager of private land who wishes to participate in the program may enter into an agreement with the Division that specifies how the landowner will support increases in the local elk herd, and provides that the landowner will agree to provide reasonable public access to adjacent public lands.

Landowners or hunters who are interested in the elk incentive tag program may contact the Nevada Division of Wildlife Headquarters at (775) 688-1529, or (775) 688-1507 for more information.

Landowner Compensation Tags

An owner, lessee or manager of private land in this state may apply to the Division for the issuance of deer or antelope tags for compensation for damage caused by these animals. These tags can be used by the owner, lessee or manager if he holds a valid Nevada hunting license or the tag(s) can be sold to any holder of a valid Nevada Hunting license at any price mutually agreed upon. Any landowner, lessee or manager of private land or any hunter wanting more information on this program should call (775) 688-1507.

NAC 503.170 Restrictions on deer hunting in particular areas; prohibition on use or possession of certain shotgun rounds in particular areas.

1. In the fenced or cultivated lands of the Smith and Mason Valleys, in the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and in the zones within the Fort Churchill State Historic Park and the Lahontan State Recreation Area that are designated for hunting by the administrator of the division of state parks of the state department of conservation and natural resources:

(a) Deer may be hunted only with: (1) A shotgun no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than 20 gauge, using:

(I) Rifled slugs; or

(II) Shotgun rounds with sabots that contain rifled slugs of conventional design; or

(2) A longbow and arrow.

(b) The use or possession of shotgun rounds with sabots that contain other than rifled slugs of conventional design is prohibited.

2. In the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area:

(a) Deer may be hunted only on the following days during the season set for the hunting of deer:

(1) Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays;

(2) _***_

(3) November 11, Veteran's Day;

(4) Thanksgiving Day; and

(5) Family Day, as declared pursuant to NRS 236.015 (b)

Deer may be hunted only with longbow and arrow during the season set for the archery hunt for deer.

MOUNTAIN LION REGULATIONS

NAC 502.370 Mountain lion tags: Eligibility; expiration; duties upon harvesting; restrictions; report of accidental trapping or killing.

1. Unless otherwise specified by regulation of the Commission or Title 45 of NRS, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to obtain not more than two mountain lion tags in any year. A mountain lion tag:

(a) May be purchased from the Division or a license agent;
(b) May be used in any management unit or group of management units in Nevada during any open season established for the management unit or group of management units pursuant to subsection 2; and

(c) Expires upon the termination of all the open seasons established pursuant to subsection 2 for the year for which the tag is issued.

2. The Commission will annually specify the number of mountain lions it determines to be appropriate for harvesting in a management unit or group of management units. The open season for mountain lions in each such management unit or group of management units begins on March 1 and ends on:

(a) The last day of the next succeeding February; or
(b) The day the Division determines that the number of mountain lions harvested in that management unit or group of management units is equal to or greater than the number specified by the Commission pursuant to this subsection, whichever occurs earlier. The Division

shall maintain and annually publish a toll-free telephone number for ascertaining whether the division has determined that the number of mountain lions harvested in a management unit or group of management units is equal to or greater than the number specified by the commission pursuant to this subsection. The Division is not required to provide any other notice of the termination of an open season for mountain lions in a management unit or group of management units.

3. A person who harvests a mountain lion shall, within 72 hours after harvesting it, personally present the skull and hide to a representative of the Division for inspection. The representative shall affix the seal of the division permanently to the hide.

4. It is unlawful for any person to:

(a) Transport the hide of a mountain lion from this state without a seal permanently affixed to the hide.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, possess the hide of a mountain lion without a seal permanently attached to it.

(c) Kill a female mountain lion which is accompanied by a spotted kitten.

(d) Kill or possess a spotted mountain lion kitten.

5. If a mountain lion is accidentally trapped or killed, the person trapping or killing it shall report the trapping or killing within 48 hours to a representative of the division. The animal must be disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the representative.

Resident 5132 and Nonresident 5232 Mountain Lion - Either Sex - Any Legal Weapon Hunt**

NOTE: Spotted kittens, and females with spotted kittens, prohibited.
See NAC 502.370

Limit: Two. (Note: 1 animal per tag, 2 tag maximum per person)

Hours: Any time of the day or night

Unit Group	2003-2004 Season Dates	Harvest Objectives
011 - 015, 021, 022, 031, 032, 034, 035, 041 - 046, 051, 181 - 184, 192, 194 - 196, 201 - 206, 291	March 1, 2003 - Feb 29, 2004	114
003	Closed	0
061, 062, 064 - 068, 071 - 078, 081, 101 - 108, 111 - 115, 121, 131 - 134, 141 - 145, 151, 152, 154, 155	March 1, 2003 - Feb 29, 2004	163
079*	March 1, 2003 - Feb 29, 2004	4
161 - 164, 171 - 173, 211, 212, 221 - 223, 231, 241 - 244, 251 - 253, 261 - 268, 271 - 272	March 1, 2003 - Feb 29, 2004	68
280 - 284	Closed	0

* Interstate hunt with Utah. Nevada and Utah hunters may hunt within open units in both states. Nevada hunters hunting in Utah must abide by Utah regulations.

** 2002 - 2003 mountain lion tags issued prior to March 1, 2003 will be valid through July 31, 2003, and any mountain lions harvested on or after March 1, 2003 under the authority of such tags will be applied against the harvest objectives adopted in this regulation. Mountain lion tags issued on or after March 1, 2003 will be valid through February 29, 2004.



Harvest Hotline Information 1-800-800-1667

Tagholders may call the Mountain Lion Harvest Information Hotline at any time to determine if a unit or unit group has been closed due to the harvest objective being reached. The hotline number is 1-800-800-1667, and is accessible 24 hours a day. Tagholders may also obtain information on the status of a unit or unit group by contacting Division offices in Fallon, Reno, Winnemucca, Elko, Ely, Las Vegas, and Henderson.

When contacting the hotline, the automated phone offers a choice of Western, Eastern and Southern regions. The Western Region is comprised of the counties of Washoe, Humboldt, Pershing, Churchill, Mineral, Lyon, Douglas, Carson City and Storey. The Eastern Region is comprised of Elko, Lander, Eureka, and White Pine. The Southern area includes Nye, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Clark counties. Hunt areas listed on the Information Hotline correspond to the first two digits of the hunt unit groups listed here: Area 1 = Units 011-015, Area 2= Units 021 and 022, and Area 19= Units 192, 194, 195, and 196.

BIG GAME SEASON DATES & QUOTAS

2003 BIG GAME SEASONS CR 03-17

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.120 and 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the big game resource.

Note: The limit is one and the hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset for all big game hunts, unless otherwise specified.

RESIDENT HUNTS

Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011	Aug 23 - Sept 1	35
012 - 014	Aug 23 - Sept 1	135
015	Aug 23 - Sept 1	77
021, 022	Aug 23 - Sept 1	13
031	Aug 23 - Sept 1	73
032, 034, 035	Aug 23 - Sept 1	135
033 Early	Aug 23 - Aug 29	21
033 Late	Aug 30 - Sept 7	21
041, 042	Aug 23 - Sept 1	81
051	Aug 23 - Sept 1	34
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 23 - Sept 1	73
065	Aug 23 - Sept 1	16
066	Aug 23 - Sept 1	13
067, 068	Aug 23 - Sept 1	93
072, 074	Aug 23 - Sept 1	26
075	Aug 23 - Sept 1	18
076, 077, 079, 081	Aug 23 - Sept 1	27
078, 105 - 107, 121	Aug 23 - Sept 1	49
101 - 104, 108	Aug 23 - Sept 1	55
111 - 114	Aug 23 - Sept 1	100
115, 231, 242	Aug 23 - Sept 1	26
131, 145, 163, 164, 221*	Aug 23 - Sept 1	51
132 - 134, 245	Aug 23 - Sept 1	18
141 - 143, 152, 154, 155	Aug 23 - Sept 1	15
161, 162	Aug 23 - Sept 1	17
171 - 173	Aug 23 - Sept 1	3
181 - 184	Aug 23 - Sept 1	6
202, 204	Sept 13 - Sept 28	7
205, 206	Aug 23 - Sept 1	18
221** - 223, 241	Aug 23 - Sept 1	15
251	Aug 23 - Sept 1	13
TOTAL QUOTA		1,284

* That portion of Unit 221 north and west of Highway 6.

** That portion of Unit 221 south and east of Highway 6.

Resident Archery Antelope Hunt 2161 Continued

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
075	Aug 2 - Aug 17	4
076, 077, 079, 081	Aug 2 - Aug 17	5
078, 105 - 107, 121	Aug 2 - Aug 17	10
101 - 104, 108	Aug 2 - Aug 17	25
111 - 114	Aug 2 - Aug 17	14
115, 231, 242	Aug 2 - Aug 17	6
131, 145, 163, 164, 221*	Aug 2 - Aug 17	16
132 - 134, 245	Aug 2 - Aug 17	2
141 - 143, 152, 154, 155	Aug 2 - Aug 17	6
161, 162	Aug 2 - Aug 17	2
171 - 173	Aug 2 - Aug 17	2
181 - 184	Aug 2 - Aug 17	2
202, 204	Aug 30 - Sept 12	1
205, 206	Aug 2 - Aug 17	8
221** - 223, 241	Aug 2 - Aug 17	3
251	Aug 2 - Aug 17	4
TOTAL		337

* That portion of Unit 221 north and west of Highway 6.

** That portion of Unit 221 south and east of Highway 6.

Resident Antelope - Horns shorter than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181

Special Regulations: Eligibility restrictions concerning successive years' hunts as stated in NAC 502.341 do not apply to this hunt.

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
035* Early	Aug 9 - Aug 15	15
035* Mid	Aug 16 - Aug 22	15
035* Late	Aug 23 - Sept 1	15
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Sept 6 - Sept 14	20
067, 068	Sept 6 - Sept 14	20
102**, 104** Early	Sept 13 - Oct 3	10
102**, 104** Mid	Oct 4 - Oct 24	5
102**, 104** Late	Oct 25 - Nov 16	5
114***, 115***	Sept 27 - Oct 5	15
TOTAL		120

* Silver State Valley within Unit 035.

** That portion of Unit 102 & 104 bounded on the west by Franklin River, on the east by the North Ruby Valley and CCC roads, on the north by a line 3 miles north of Hwy 229 and on the south by a line 1.5 miles south of Hwy 229.

*** Within 1 mile of the Baker Ranch Properties

Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2161

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011	Aug 2 - Aug 17	7
012 - 014	Aug 2 - Aug 17	37
015	Aug 2 - Aug 17	21
021, 022	Aug 2 - Aug 17	5
031	Aug 2 - Aug 17	34
032, 034, 035	Aug 2 - Aug 17	33
033	Aug 2 - Aug 17	6
041, 042	Aug 2 - Aug 17	20
051	Aug 2 - Aug 17	9
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 2 - Aug 17	15
065	Aug 2 - Aug 17	6
066	Aug 2 - Aug 17	3
067, 068	Aug 2 - Aug 17	27
072, 074	Aug 2 - Aug 17	4

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Resident Elk - Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
061, 071	Nov 1 - Nov 16	23
062, 064, 066 - 068	Nov 15 - Nov 30	2
072	Nov 1 - Nov 16	28
075 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 5	5
075 Late	Nov 15 - Nov 30	13
076, 077, 081	Nov 15 - Nov 30	44
078, 104*, 105 - 107	Nov 15 - Nov 30	2
079**	Sept 13 - Oct 3	3
104***, 108, 121	Nov 15 - Nov 30	4

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Resident Elk-Antlered-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151 Continued

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
111 - 115, 221, 222 Early	Nov 15 - Nov 28	144
111 - 115, 221, 222 Late	Nov 29 - Dec 14	96
131, 132	Nov 15 - Nov 30	8
161 - 164 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 3	7
161 - 164 Late	Nov 15 - Dec 7	30
231, 241, 242	Nov 15 - Nov 30	35
262	Nov 15 - Nov 30	5
TOTAL		449

* That portion of Unit 104 north of the CCC, Medicine Spring and Butte Valley Roads

** Interstate hunt with Utah. Nevada and Utah hunters may hunt within open units in both states. Nevada hunters hunting in Utah must abide by Utah regulations.

*** That portion of Unit 104 south of the CCC, Medicine Spring and Butte Valley Roads

Resident Elk - Antlered - Muzzleloader Hunt 4156

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
061, 071	Sept 20 - Sept 28	2
062, 064, 066-068	Nov 1 - Nov 14	1
072	Sept 20 - Sept 28	5
075	Nov 1 - Nov 14	2
076, 077, 081	Nov 1 - Nov 14	2
078, 104*, 105 - 107	Nov 1 - Nov 14	1
104**, 108, 121	Nov 1 - Nov 14	1
111 - 115, 221, 222	Nov 1 - Nov 14	28
131, 132	Nov 1 - Nov 14	2
161 - 164	Nov 1 - Nov 14	3
231, 241, 242	Nov 1 - Nov 14	17
262	Oct 4 - Oct 19	1
TOTAL		65

* That portion of Unit 104 north of the CCC, Medicine Spring and Butte Valley Roads.

** That portion of Unit 104 south of the CCC, Medicine Spring and Butte Valley Roads.

Resident Elk - Antlered - Archery Hunt 4161

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
061, 071	Aug 30 - Sept 19	2
062, 064, 066 - 068	Aug 30 - Sept 21	1
072	Aug 30 - Sept 19	6
075	Aug 30 - Sept 21	4
076, 077, 081	Aug 30 - Sept 21	5
078, 104*, 105 - 107	Aug 30 - Sept 21	1
104**, 108, 121	Aug 30 - Sept 21	1
111 - 115, 221, 222	Aug 30 - Sept 21	30
131, 132	Aug 30 - Sept 21	3
161 - 164	Aug 30 - Sept 21	6
231, 241, 242	Aug 30 - Sept 19	13
262	Aug 30 - Sept 21	1
TOTAL		73

* That portion of Unit 104 north of the CCC, Medicine Spring and Butte Valley Roads

** That portion of Unit 104 south of the CCC, Medicine Spring and Butte Valley Roads.

**Resident Elk - Antlerless
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
072	Oct 4 - Oct 26	19
075	Sept 27 - Oct 26	75
076, 077, 081	Oct 4 - Oct 26	70
101 - 104* Early	Aug 2 - Aug 29	10
101 - 104* Mid	Aug 30 - Oct 3	10
101 - 104* Late	Oct 4 - Oct 26	10
111	Oct 4 - Oct 26	275
112	Oct 4 - Oct 26	11
113	Oct 4 - Oct 26	27
161 - 164 Early	Oct 4 - Oct 19	46
161 - 164 Late	Dec 13 - Dec 28	46
221	Oct 4 - Oct 26	27
222	Oct 4 - Oct 26	200
231 Early	Oct 4 - Oct 31	112

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Resident Elk-Antlerless-Hunt 4181-Continued

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
231 Mid	Dec 6 - Dec 21	75
231 Late	Dec 27 - Jan 11	62
TOTAL		1,075

* Units 101, 102, 103 and that portion of Unit 104 north of the CCC, Medicine Spring and Butte Valley Roads. Poor hunter success expected; difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area. This hunt is an attempt to remove all elk from these units or drastically reduce elk numbers.

Resident Elk - Antlerless - Archery Hunt 4111

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
072	Aug 9 - Aug 29	7
075	Aug 9 - Aug 29	2
076, 077, 081	Aug 9 - Aug 29	7
111, 221, 222 Early	Aug 9 - Aug 29	82
111, 221, 222 Late	Sept 22 - Oct 3	22
112	Aug 9 - Aug 29	7
113	Aug 9 - Aug 29	11
161 - 164	Aug 9 - Aug 29	3
231	Aug 9 - Aug 29	48
TOTAL		189

Resident Elk - Antlerless - Muzzleloader Hunt 4176

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
072	Sept 20 - Oct 3	4
075	Nov 1 - Nov 14	3
076, 077, 081	Nov 1 - Nov 14	5
111, 221, 222	Nov 1 - Nov 14	69
112	Nov 1 - Nov 14	2
113	Nov 1 - Nov 14	11
161 - 164	Nov 1 - Nov 14	4
231	Sept 20 - Oct 3	40
TOTAL		138

Resident Elk - Antlered**Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102**

Special Regulations: Eligibility restrictions concerning successive years' hunts as stated in NAC 502.361 do not apply to this hunt.

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
101 - 104*	Aug 9 - Nov 2	10

* Units 101, 102 and 103 and that portion of Unit 104 north of the CCC, Medicine Spring and Butte Valley Roads. Poor hunter success expected; difficult hunter access; low elk numbers in the area. This hunt is an attempt to remove all elk from these units or drastically reduce elk numbers.

**Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
044, 182	Nov 8 - Dec 7	4
133, 245	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
134	Nov 8 - Dec 7	6
161	Nov 8 - Dec 7	7
163	Nov 8 - Dec 7	3
173	Nov 8 - Dec 7	3
181*	Nov 8 - Dec 7	2
183	Nov 8 - Dec 7	4
184	Nov 8 - Dec 7	5
202	Nov 8 - Dec 7	2
205	Nov 8 - Dec 7	7
206	Nov 8 - Dec 7	2
211	Nov 8 - Dec 7	6
212	Nov 8 - Dec 7	3
221	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
223, 241	Nov 8 - Dec 7	3
244	Nov 8 - Dec 7	2
252*	Nov 15 - Nov 30	3
253	Nov 8 - Dec 7	4
261	Nov 8 - Dec 7	3
262	Nov 8 - Dec 7	5

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Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151 - Continued

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
263	Nov 8 - Dec 7	4
264, 265	Nov 8 - Dec 7	2
266	Nov 8 - Dec 7	4
267	Nov 8 - Dec 7	6
268	Nov 8 - Dec 7	12
243, 271	Nov 8 - Dec 7	2
272	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
281*	Dec 20 - Jan 4	2
282*	Dec 20 - Jan 4	2
283, 284	Nov 8 - Dec 7	2
286	Nov 8 - Dec 7	2
TOTAL		115

* Department of Defense briefing required. Restrictions to hunt area access in all units. In some units there will likely be adjustments to season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations. All tagholders will receive a letter with additional information.

Resident California Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
012	Sept 6 - Oct 3	3
011, 013	Sept 6 - Oct 3	2
031	Sept 6 - Oct 3	4
032 Early	Aug 9 - Aug 3	13
032 Late	Sept 6 - Oct 3	2
033	Sept 6 - Oct 3	2
034	Sept 6 - Oct 3	4
035	Sept 6 - Oct 3	3
041	Sept 6 - Oct 3	1
051 Early	Aug 9 - Aug 31	3
051 Late	Sept 6 - Oct 3	3
066, 068	Sept 6 - Oct 3	3
TOTAL		33

Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
074	Aug 23 - Oct 26	1
101	Aug 23 - Oct 26	3
102	Aug 23 - Oct 26	2
TOTAL		6

Resident Mountain Goat - Any Goat Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
101	Aug 23 - Oct 26	7
102	Aug 23 - Oct 26	13
103	Aug 23 - Oct 26	1
TOTAL		21



Resident Mule Deer - Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1131

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011 - 013	Oct 4 - Nov 2	111
014	Oct 4 - Nov 2	28
015	Dec 6 - Dec 28	25
021	Dec 6 - Dec 28	20
022	Oct 4 - Nov 2	36
031	Oct 4 - Nov 2	94
032	Oct 4 - Nov 2	83
033 Early	Oct 4 - Oct 17	41
033 Late	Oct 18 - Nov 2	41
034	Oct 4 - Nov 2	83
035	Oct 4 - Nov 2	56
041, 042	Oct 4 - Nov 2	63
043 - 046	Oct 4 - Nov 2	148
051	Oct 4 - Nov 2	372
061, 062, 064, 066-068	Oct 4 - Oct 26	418
065	Oct 4 - Nov 2	28
071 - 079	Oct 4 - Nov 2	543
081	Oct 11 - Nov 9	21
101 - 108 Early	Oct 4 - Oct 24	1,708
101 - 108 Late	Oct 25 - Nov 9	427
111 - 113 Early	Oct 11 - Oct 24	766
111 - 113 Late	Oct 25 - Nov 9	40
114, 115	Oct 11 - Nov 2	141
121	Oct 11 - Nov 2	77
131 - 134	Oct 11 - Nov 2	152
141 - 145	Oct 4 - Nov 2	560
151, 152, 154, 155	Oct 4 - Nov 2	196
161 - 164	Oct 4 - Nov 2	284
171 - 173	Oct 4 - Nov 2	488
181 - 184	Oct 4 - Nov 9	143
192	Nov 1 - Nov 30	45
194, 196	Nov 1 - Nov 30	58
195	Nov 1 - Nov 30	32
201, 204	Nov 1 - Nov 30	79
202, 205, 206	Nov 1 - Nov 30	59
203*	Nov 1 - Nov 30	46
211, 212	Nov 1 - Nov 30	46
221 - 223	Oct 11 - Nov 2	242
231	Oct 4 - Oct 26	122
241 - 245	Oct 18 - Nov 2	90
251 - 253	Oct 4 - Nov 2	42
261 - 268 Early	Oct 25 - Nov 16	67
261 - 268 Late	Nov 29 - Dec 7	7
271, 272 Early	Oct 25 - Nov 16	21
271, 272 Late	Nov 29 - Dec 7	2
291	Nov 1 - Nov 30	37
TOTAL		8,188

* Special restrictions apply see NAC 503.170 on page 35.

Resident Mule Deer - Antlered - Archery Hunt 1141

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011 - 013	Aug 16 - Sept 12	27
014	Aug 16 - Sept 12	14
015	Aug 16 - Sept 12	4
021	Aug 16 - Sept 12	3
022	Aug 16 - Sept 12	8
031	Aug 16 - Sept 12	16
032	Aug 16 - Sept 12	5
033	Aug 16 - Sept 12	18
034	Aug 16 - Sept 12	29
035	Aug 16 - Sept 12	25
041, 042	Aug 16 - Sept 12	19
043 - 046	Aug 16 - Sept 12	32
051	Aug 16 - Sept 12	57
061, 062, 064, 066-068	Aug 16 - Sept 12	59
065	Aug 16 - Sept 12	17
071 - 079	Aug 16 - Sept 12	41

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**Resident Deer-Antlered-Archery Hunt 1141
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Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
081	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
101 - 108 Early	Aug 16 - Sept 12	341
101 - 108 Late	Nov 15 - Dec 7	51
111 - 113	Aug 9 - Sept 7	87
114, 115	Aug 9 - Sept 7	42
121	Aug 9 - Sept 7	16
131 - 134	Aug 9 - Sept 7	18
141 - 145	Aug 16 - Sept 12	83
151, 152, 154, 155	Aug 16 - Sept 12	73
161 - 164	Aug 16 - Sept 12	60
171 - 173	Aug 16 - Sept 12	137
181 - 184	Aug 16 - Sept 12	25
192	Aug 16 - Sept 12	27
194, 196	Aug 16 - Sept 12	25
195	Aug 16 - Sept 12	11
201, 204	Dec 8 - Dec 28	28
202, 205, 206	Dec 8 - Dec 28	8
203	Aug 16 - Sept 12	41
211, 212	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
221 - 223	Aug 9 - Sept 7	19
231	Aug 16 - Sept 12	28
241 - 245	Aug 16 - Sept 12	17
251 - 253	Aug 16 - Sept 12	6
261 - 268	Aug 16 - Sept 12	12
271, 272	Aug 16 - Sept 12	4
291	Aug 16 - Sept 12	9
TOTAL		1,546

**Resident Mule Deer - Antlered
Muzzleloader Hunt 1171**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011 - 013	Sept 13 - Sept 28	11
014	Sept 13 - Sept 28	4
015	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
021	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
022	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
031	Sept 13 - Sept 28	7
032	Sept 13 - Sept 28	3
033	Sept 13 - Sept 28	19
034	Sept 13 - Sept 28	9
035	Sept 13 - Sept 28	5
041, 042	Sept 13 - Sept 28	5
043 - 046	Sept 13 - Sept 28	19
051	Sept 13 - Sept 28	41
061, 062, 064, 066 - 068	Sept 13 - Sept 28	30
065	Sept 13 - Sept 28	5
071 - 079	Sept 13 - Sept 28	41
081	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
101 - 108	Sept 13 - Sept 28	143
111 - 113	Sept 20 - Oct 5	50
114, 115	Nov 8 - Nov 28	54
121	Sept 20 - Oct 5	8
131 - 134	Sept 20 - Oct 5	13
141 - 145	Sept 13 - Sept 28	19
151, 152, 154, 155	Sept 13 - Sept 28	36
161 - 164	Sept 13 - Sept 28	29
171 - 173	Sept 13 - Sept 28	71
181 - 184	Sept 13 - Sept 28	7
192	Sept 13 - Sept 28	3
194, 196	Sept 13 - Sept 28	7
195	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
201, 204	Dec 1 - Dec 7	3
202, 205, 206	Dec 1 - Dec 7	2
211, 212	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
221 - 223	Sept 20 - Oct 5	10
231	Sept 13 - Sept 28	16
241 - 245	Sept 13 - Sept 28	5
251 - 253	Sept 13 - Sept 28	5

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**Resident Deer-Antlered-Muzzleloader Hunt 1171
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Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
261 - 268	Sept 13 - Sept 28	5
271, 272	Sept 13 - Sept 28	4
291	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
TOTAL		703

**Resident Mule Deer - Antlerless
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
101, 102, 104*	Oct 11 - Oct 24	88
114, 115	Oct 11 - Nov 2	18
144	Oct 11 - Nov 2	54
192	Nov 1 - Nov 30	10
194, 196	Nov 1 - Nov 30	16
203**	Nov 1 - Nov 30	20
291	Nov 1 - Nov 30	5
TOTAL		211

* Unit 104 north of the CCC, Medicine Spring and Butte Valley Roads.

** Special restrictions apply see NAC 503.170 on page 35.

**Resident Mule Deer - Antlerless
Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 1101**

Special Regulations: A person, so long as they apply in separate drawings, may obtain a tag for this hunt, #1101, and obtain an additional deer tag from one of the following hunt categories: 1107, 1131, 1141, 1171, or 1181 during the 2003 and 2004 hunting season. Applicants who apply for two different deer hunt categories in a single drawing will be rejected.

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
114*, 115* Early	Sept 27 - Oct 5	100
114*, 115* Late	Nov 22 - Nov 30	30
032**	Nov 8 - Nov 23	20
TOTAL		150

*Within 1 mile of the Baker Ranch Properties

**Within 1 mile of the Knott Creek Ranch Properties; special conditions apply to hunt on the private property.



Resident Junior Mule Deer - Antlered - or - Antlerless - Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107

The Junior Youth Hunt is an either sex hunt; tag holders can harvest a buck or a doe. This tag allows the junior hunter to hunt during the archery season when the unit is open for archery only; to hunt with a muzzleloader when the unit is open for muzzleloader only; and to hunt with any legal weapon when the unit is open for any legal weapon. If a junior hunt applicant is unsuccessful in drawing a tag, bonus points will be awarded for the junior hunt. Junior hunt applicants are not eligible for the Partnership in Wildlife draw. To apply, youths must be 12 prior to the opening of the first hunt season applied for (usually archery), and no older than 16 by the end of the last season applied for (usually rifle). Quota listed is for all hunts combined in the unit group.

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota	Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011 - 013	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	25	131 - 134	Archery Aug 9 - Sept 7 Muzzleloader Sept 20 - Oct 5 Any Legal Weapon Oct 11 - Nov 2	64
014	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	7	141 - 145	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	150
015	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Dec 6 - Dec 28	17	151, 152, 154, 155	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	91
021	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Dec 6 - Dec 28	7	161 - 164	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	112
022	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	7	171 - 173	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	185
031	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	37	181 - 184	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 9	65
032	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	28	192	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Nov 1 - Nov 30	15
033	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Oct 17	16	194, 196	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Nov 1 - Nov 30	22
034	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	39	195	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Nov 1 - Nov 30	9
035	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	34	201, 204	Any Legal Weapon Nov 1 - Nov 30 Muzzleloader Dec 1 - Dec 7 Archery Dec 8 - Dec 28	37
041, 042	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	27	202, 205, 206	Any Legal Weapon Nov 1 - Nov 30 Muzzleloader Dec 1 - Dec 7 Archery Dec 8 - Dec 28	30
043 - 046	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	80	203*	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Any Legal Weapon Nov 1 - Nov 30	18
051	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	81	211, 212	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Nov 1 - Nov 30	16
061, 062, 064, 066 - 068	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Oct 26	145	221 - 223	Archery Aug 9 - Sept 7 Muzzleloader Sept 20 - Oct 5 Any Legal Weapon Oct 11 - Nov 2	107
071 - 079	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	183	231	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Oct 26	49
101 - 108 Early	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Oct 24	423	241 - 245	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 18 - Nov 2	25
101 - 108 Late	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 25 - Nov 9	141	251 - 253	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 4 - Nov 2	18
111 - 113	Archery Aug 9 - Sept 7 Muzzleloader Sept 20 - Oct 5 Any Legal Weapon Oct 11 - Oct 24	338	261 - 268	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 25 - Nov 16	24
114, 115	Archery Aug 9 - Sept 7 Muzzleloader Nov 8 - Nov 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 11 - Nov 2	21	271, 272	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Oct 25 - Nov 16	10
121	Archery Aug 9 - Sept 7 Muzzleloader Sept 20 - Oct 5 Any Legal Weapon Oct 11 - Nov 2	36	291	Archery Aug 16 - Sept 12 Muzzleloader Sept 13 - Sept 28 Any Legal Weapon Nov 1 - Nov 30	11
			TOTAL		2,750

*Special Restrictions apply, see NAC 503.170 on page 35.

2003 PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE HUNTS

The following regulations are in effect for PIW hunts:

SHOOTING HOURS: ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE TO SUNSET

LIMIT: ONE

LEGAL WEAPON: Archery when the season for that species and management unit is restricted to archery. Muzzleloader when the season for that species and management unit is restricted to muzzleloader. Any legal weapon when the season for that species and management unit allows any legal weapon.

PIW Nonresident Mule Deer Hunt 1200

Category: Antlered only.

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.

2003 Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunts 1231, 1241, and 1271.

Quota: 3

Resident Mule Deer Hunt 1000

Category: Antlered only.

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.

Limit: One.

2003 Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunts 1131, 1141, and 1171.

Quota: 22.

Resident Antelope Hunt 2000

Category: Antelope with horns longer than ears.

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for antelope with horns longer than the ears.

Limit: One.

2003 Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunts 2151 and 2161.

Quota: 5.



*Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Hunt 3000

Category: Any Ram.

Unit Group: *Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep.

2003 Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunt 3151.

Quota: 3.

*In Units 181, 252, 281 and 282, a Department of Defense briefing is **required**. There are access restrictions in all these units. In some units there will likely be adjustments to season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations.

Resident Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt 4000

Category: Elk with at least one antler.

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered elk.

2003 Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunts 4151, 4156, 4161.

Quota: 3.

Resident Rocky Mountain Goat Hunt 7000

Category: Any Goat.

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for mountain goat.

2003 Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunt 7151.

Quota: 1.

Resident California Bighorn Sheep Hunt 8000

Category: Any Ram.

Unit Group: Any management unit where there is an open season for California Bighorn sheep.

2003 Season Dates: In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunt 8151.

Quota: 1.

Funds Benefit Wildlife Heritage Trust

The funds donated through PIW are placed in the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account. Only the interest generated from these funds will be used each year for special projects benefiting game species. We hope that the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account will one day become a stable, long-term source of revenue for game management. PIW promises to benefit both Nevada's wildlife and the sportsmen by providing voluntary support of game management programs and providing a hunting opportunity that would not otherwise be available to most sportsmen in Nevada.

2003 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.120 and 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the management of the big game resource.

The successful bidder may hunt statewide during the 2003 season, except those areas closed to hunting in NAC 504.340. (See page 14).

HUNTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables. (See pages 42-44).

LEGAL WEAPON: Any legal weapon may be used throughout the season.

LIMIT: One.

2003 Wildlife Heritage Mule Deer Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage Mule Deer.

Sex/Age Class: Any Mule Deer.

Season Dates: Aug. 9, 2003 through Dec. 31, 2003.

Quota: 2

2003 Wildlife Heritage Pronghorn Antelope Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage Antelope.

Sex/Age Class: Any pronghorn antelope.

Season Dates: July 15, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

Quota: 2

2003 Wildlife Heritage Rocky Mountain Elk Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage Rocky Mountain Elk.

Sex/Age Class: Elk with at least one antler.

Season Dates: September 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

Quota: 1

2003 Wildlife Heritage Nelson (Desert)

Bighorn Sheep Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage (Desert) Bighorn Sheep.

Sex/Age Class: Any ram.

Season Dates: September 1, 2003 through January 15, 2004.

Quota: 2

2003 Wildlife Heritage California Bighorn Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage California Bighorn Sheep.

Sex/Age Class: Any ram.

***Season Dates:** September 1, 2003 through November 15, 2003.

Quota: 1

***Subject to change at the June, 2003 Commission meeting.**

2003 Wildlife Heritage Wild Turkey Tag

Tag Type: Wildlife Heritage Wild Turkey.

Sex/Age Class: Any Wild Turkey.

Season Dates: March 29, 2003 through May 4, 2003.

Quota: 5

NONRESIDENT GUIDED HUNT DEER TAGS - 1235 HUNT

(See quota table on page 28)

NRS 502.147 Restricted nonresident deer tags: Issuance. (In part)

1. The Division shall make available restricted nonresident deer tags in an amount not to exceed the amount set forth in this section. If the number of persons who apply for restricted nonresident deer tags is greater than the number of tags to be issued, the Division shall conduct a drawing to determine the persons to whom to issue the tags.

2. The number of restricted nonresident deer tags must:

(a) Be subtracted from the quota of rifle deer tags for nonresidents; and

(b) Not exceed 16 percent of the deer tags issued to nonresidents during the previous year or 400 tags, whichever is greater.

3. The number of restricted nonresident deer tags issued for any management area or unit must not exceed 37.5 percent, rounded to the nearest whole number, of the rifle deer tags issued to nonresidents during the previous year for that management area or unit.

4. The Division shall mail the tags to the successful applicants.

NRS 502.148 Restricted nonresident deer tags: Application; fees; eligibility for other tags.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person who wishes to apply for a restricted nonresident deer tag pursu-

ant to NRS 502.147 must complete an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Division. A licensed master guide may complete the application for an applicant. The application must be signed by the applicant and the master guide who will be responsible for conducting the restricted nonresident deer hunt.

2. The application must be accompanied by a fee for the tag of \$300, plus any other fees which the division may require. The Commission shall establish the time limits and acceptable methods for submitting such applications to the Division.

3. Any application for a restricted nonresident deer tag which contains an error or omission must be rejected and the fee for the tag returned to the applicant.

4. A person who is issued a restricted nonresident deer tag is not eligible to apply for any other deer tag issued in this state for the same hunting season as that restricted nonresident deer hunt.

5. All fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the wildlife account in the state general fund.

NRS 502.149 Restricted nonresident deer tags: Guide to accompany hunter during hunt. A restricted nonresident deer hunter must be accompanied at all times during the restricted nonresident deer hunt by the licensed master guide who cosigned the application or one of his licensed subguides.

NONRESIDENT HUNTS

Nonresident Antelope - Horns longer than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2251

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011	Aug 23 - Sept 1	2
012 - 014	Aug 23 - Sept 1	7
015	Aug 23 - Sept 1	4
021, 022	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
031	Aug 23 - Sept 1	4
032, 034, 035	Aug 23 - Sept 1	7
033 Early	Aug 23 - Aug 29	1
033 Late	Aug 30 - Sept 7	1
041, 042	Aug 23 - Sept 1	4
051	Aug 23 - Sept 1	2
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 23 - Sept 1	4
067, 068	Aug 23 - Sept 1	5
072, 074	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
075	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
076, 077, 079, 081	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
078, 105 - 107, 121	Aug 23 - Sept 1	3
101 - 104, 108	Aug 23 - Sept 1	3
111 - 114	Aug 23 - Sept 1	5
115, 231, 242	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
131, 145, 163, 164, 221*	Aug 23 - Sept 1	3
132 - 134, 245	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
141 - 143, 152, 154, 155	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
161, 162	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
205, 206	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
221** - 223, 241	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
251	Aug 23 - Sept 1	1
TOTAL		66

*That portion of Unit 221 north and west of Highway 6.

**That portion of Unit 221 south and east of Highway 6.

Nonresident Antelope - Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2261

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
012 - 014	Aug 2 - Aug 17	2
015	Aug 2 - Aug 17	1
031	Aug 2 - Aug 17	2
032, 034, 035	Aug 2 - Aug 17	2
033	Aug 2 - Aug 17	1
041, 042	Aug 2 - Aug 17	1
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 2 - Aug 17	1
067, 068	Aug 2 - Aug 17	1
101 - 104, 108	Aug 2 - Aug 17	1
111 - 114	Aug 2 - Aug 17	1
TOTAL		13

Nonresident Elk - Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
061, 071	Nov 1 - Nov 16	1
072	Nov 1 - Nov 16	2
076, 077, 081	Nov 15 - Nov 30	2
111 - 115, 221, 222 Early	Nov 15 - Nov 28	8
111 - 115, 221, 222 Late	Nov 29 - Dec 14	5
161 - 164 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 3	1
161 - 164 Late	Nov 15 - Dec 7	1
231, 241, 242	Nov 15 - Nov 30	3
TOTAL		23

Nonresident Elk - Antlered - Archery Hunt 4261

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
111 - 115, 221, 222	Aug 30 - Sept 21	1
161 - 164	Aug 30 - Sept 21	1
231, 241, 242	Aug 30 - Sept 19	1
TOTAL		3

Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
044, 182	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
134	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
161	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
183	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
205	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
263	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
266	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
267	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
268	Nov 8 - Dec 7	3
283, 284	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
286	Nov 8 - Dec 7	1
TOTAL		13

Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
032	Sept 6 - Oct 3	1
033	Sept 6 - Oct 3	1
035	Sept 6 - Oct 3	1
051	Sept 6 - Oct 3	1
TOTAL		4

Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1231

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011 - 013	Oct 4 - Nov 2	9
014	Oct 4 - Nov 2	2
015	Dec 6 - Dec 28	2
021	Dec 6 - Dec 28	2
022	Oct 4 - Nov 2	3
031	Oct 4 - Nov 2	5
032	Oct 4 - Nov 2	3
033 Early	Oct 4 - Oct 17	5
033 Late	Oct 18 - Nov 2	5
034	Oct 4 - Nov 2	4
035	Oct 4 - Nov 2	2
041, 042	Oct 4 - Nov 2	4
043 - 046	Oct 4 - Nov 2	3
051	Oct 4 - Nov 2	36
061, 062, 064, 066-068	Oct 4 - Oct 26	22
065	Oct 4 - Nov 2	2
071 - 079	Oct 4 - Nov 2	33
081	Oct 11 - Nov 9	2
101 - 108 Early	Oct 4 - Oct 24	112
101 - 108 Late	Oct 25 - Nov 9	28
111 - 113 Early	Oct 11 - Oct 24	49
111 - 113 Late	Oct 25 - Nov 9	3
114, 115	Oct 11 - Nov 2	4
121	Oct 11 - Nov 2	5
131 - 134	Oct 11 - Nov 2	10
141 - 145	Oct 4 - Nov 2	37
151, 152, 154, 155	Oct 4 - Nov 2	10
161 - 164	Oct 4 - Nov 2	17
171 - 173	Oct 4 - Nov 2	29
181 - 184	Oct 4 - Nov 9	13
192	Nov 1 - Nov 30	3
194, 196	Nov 1 - Nov 30	3
195	Nov 1 - Nov 30	3
201, 204	Nov 1 - Nov 30	4
202, 205, 206	Nov 1 - Nov 30	5
203*	Nov 1 - Nov 30	4
211, 212	Nov 1 - Nov 30	5
221 - 223	Oct 11 - Nov 2	12
231	Oct 4 - Oct 26	8
241 - 245	Oct 18 - Nov 2	7

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**Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1231 Continued**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
251 - 253	Oct 4 - Nov 2	5
261 - 268 Early	Oct 25 - Nov 16	7
261 - 268 Late	Nov 29 - Dec 7	2
271, 272	Oct 25 - Nov 16	2
291	Nov 1 - Nov 30	3
TOTAL		534

* Special restrictions apply see NAC 503.170 on page 35.

**Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered
Archery Hunt 1241**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011 - 013	Aug 16 - Sept 12	3
014	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
015	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
021	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
022	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
031	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
032	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
033	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
034	Aug 16 - Sept 12	3
035	Aug 16 - Sept 12	3
041, 042	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
043 - 046	Aug 16 - Sept 12	4
051	Aug 16 - Sept 12	6
061, 062, 064, 066 - 068	Aug 16 - Sept 12	7
065	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
071 - 079	Aug 16 - Sept 12	5
081	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
101 - 108 Early	Aug 16 - Sept 12	38
101 - 108 Late	Nov 15 - Dec 7	6
111 - 113	Aug 9 - Sept 7	10
114, 115	Aug 9 - Sept 7	5
121	Aug 9 - Sept 7	2
131 - 134	Aug 9 - Sept 7	2
141 - 145	Aug 16 - Sept 12	9
151, 152, 154, 155	Aug 16 - Sept 12	8
161 - 164	Aug 16 - Sept 12	7
171 - 173	Aug 16 - Sept 12	15
181 - 184	Aug 16 - Sept 12	3
192	Aug 16 - Sept 12	3
194, 196	Aug 16 - Sept 12	3
195	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
201, 204	Dec 8 - Dec 28	3
202, 205, 206	Dec 8 - Dec 28	2
203	Aug 16 - Sept 12	5
211, 212	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
221 - 223	Aug 9 - Sept 7	2
231	Aug 16 - Sept 12	3
241 - 245	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
251 - 253	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
261 - 268	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
271, 272	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
291	Aug 16 - Sept 12	2
TOTAL		191

**Restricted Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1235**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011 - 013	Oct 4 - Nov 2	3
014	Oct 4 - Nov 2	1
015	Dec 6 - Dec 28	2
021	Dec 6 - Dec 28	1
022	Oct 4 - Nov 2	1
031	Oct 4 - Nov 2	5
032	Oct 4 - Nov 2	6
033 Early	Oct 4 - Oct 17	3
033 Late	Oct 18 - Nov 2	3
034	Oct 4 - Nov 2	5

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**Restricted Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1235 Continued**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
035	Oct 4 - Nov 2	4
041, 042	Oct 4 - Nov 2	3
043 - 046	Oct 4 - Nov 2	13
051	Oct 4 - Nov 2	5
061, 062, 064, 066-068	Oct 4 - Oct 26	24
065	Oct 4 - Nov 2	1
071 - 079	Oct 4 - Nov 2	27
081	Oct 11 - Nov 9	1
101 - 108 Early	Oct 4 - Oct 24	72
101 - 108 Late	Oct 25 - Nov 9	25
111 - 113 Early	Oct 11 - Oct 24	35
111 - 113 Late	Oct 25 - Nov 9	3
114, 115	Oct 11 - Nov 2	12
121	Oct 11 - Nov 2	4
131 - 134	Oct 11 - Nov 2	7
141 - 145	Oct 4 - Nov 2	25
151, 152, 154, 155	Oct 4 - Nov 2	12
161 - 164	Oct 4 - Nov 2	15
171 - 173	Oct 4 - Nov 2	25
181 - 184	Oct 4 - Nov 9	3
192	Nov 1 - Nov 30	2
194, 196	Nov 1 - Nov 30	3
195	Nov 1 - Nov 30	1
201, 204	Nov 1 - Nov 30	5
202, 205, 206	Nov 1 - Nov 30	2
203*	Nov 1 - Nov 30	1
211, 212	Nov 1 - Nov 30	0
221 - 223	Oct 11 - Nov 2	15
231	Oct 4 - Oct 26	6
241 - 245	Oct 18 - Nov 2	3
251 - 253	Oct 4 - Nov 2	0
261 - 268 Early	Oct 25 - Nov 16	0
261 - 268 Late	Nov 29 - Dec 7	0
271, 272	Oct 25 - Nov 16	2
291	Nov 1 - Nov 30	1
TOTAL		387

* Special restrictions apply see NAC 503.170 on page 35.

**Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered
Muzzleloader Hunt 1271**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
011 - 013	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
014	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
015	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
021	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
022	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
031	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
032	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
033	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
034	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
035	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
041, 042	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
043 - 046	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
051	Sept 13 - Sept 28	5
061, 062, 064, 066 - 068	Sept 13 - Sept 28	3
065	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
071 - 079	Sept 13 - Sept 28	5
081	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
101 - 108	Sept 13 - Sept 28	16
111 - 113	Sept 20 - Oct 5	6
114, 115	Nov 8 - Nov 28	6
121	Sept 20 - Oct 5	2
131 - 134	Sept 20 - Oct 5	2
141 - 145	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
151, 152, 154, 155	Sept 13 - Sept 28	4
161 - 164	Sept 13 - Sept 28	3
171 - 173	Sept 13 - Sept 28	8

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FURBEARER/TRAPPING LAWS

License Requirements/Fees

In Nevada, furbearer seasons are established for beaver, muskrat and mink; otter; bobcat and gray fox; and kit fox. Furbearers may be taken with a trap, gun, or bow and arrow.

The following species can be hunted without a hunting license in Nevada, but a trapping license is required to trap them: Coyote, black-tailed jackrabbit, badger, weasel, spotted skunk, striped skunk, raccoon, and ring-tailed cat. Although it is not mandatory to register traps, any person of any age who sells raw furs of any kind, whether taken by trap or by firearm, is required to purchase a trapping license.

Trapping licenses/fees are listed on page 4.



Manner of Hunting Furbearing Mammals (NRS 503.450)

It is unlawful for any person at any time to hunt any furbearing mammal in any manner other than by trap, gun or bow and arrow.

Trapping License Required (NRS 503.454)

1. Every person who takes fur-bearing mammals by any legal method or unprotected mammals by trapping or sells raw furs for profit shall procure a trapping license.
2. It is unlawful to remove or disturb the trap of any holder of a trapping license while the trap is being legally used by him on public land or on land where he has permission to trap.

Exceptions to Trapping License Requirement (NAC 503.193)

1. A person is not required to obtain a hunting license or permit to hunt unprotected wild birds or mammals.
2. A person is not required to obtain a hunting license or permit or a trapping license to hunt or trap wildlife which are authorized to be taken in accordance with a (*depredation*) permit issued pursuant to NAC 503.710 to 503.740, inclusive.
3. A person who holds a trapping license issued by the Division is not required to obtain a hunting license to hunt coyotes, badgers, skunks, raccoons, weasels, ring-tailed cats or fur-bearing mammals.

Registration/Marking of Traps (NRS 503.452)

Each trap, snare or similar device used in the taking of wild mammals may bear a number registered with the Division or



be permanently marked with the name and address of the owner or trapper using it. If a trap is registered, the registration is permanent. A registration fee of \$5 for each registrant is payable only once, at the time the first trap, snare or similar device is registered.

Trap Registration (NAC 503.150)

1. A person may obtain an application form for registering a trap from any office of the Division. The forms must be completed in accordance with the instructions thereon.
2. The Division shall issue registration numbers beginning with NV 0001. The number must be clearly stamped on the trap or on a metal tag that is attached to the trap.
3. The person shall enter the appropriate registration number on his trapping license.

Minimum Visitation of Traps (NRS 503.570)

1. A person taking or causing to be taken wild mammals by means of traps, snares or any other devices which do not, or are not designed to, cause immediate death to the mammals, shall, when the traps, snares or devices are placed or set for the purpose of taking mammals, visit or cause to be visited at least once each 96 hours each trap, snare or other device during all of the time the trap, snare or device is placed, set or used in the taking of wild mammals, and remove therefrom any mammals caught therein.
2. The provisions in subsection 1 do not apply to employees of the Division of Agriculture of the Department of Business and Industry or the United States Department of Agriculture when acting in their official capacities.

Trapping Within 200 Feet of Public Road/Highway (NRS 503.580)

1. For the purposes of this section, "public road or highway" means:
 - (a) A highway designated as a United States highway.
 - (b) A highway designated as a state highway pursuant to the provisions of NRS 408.285.
 - (c) A main or general county road as defined by NRS 403.170.
2. It is unlawful for any person, company or corporation to place or set any steel trap, used for the purpose of trapping mammals, larger than a No. 1 Newhouse trap, within 200 feet of any public road or highway within this state.
3. This section does not prevent the placing or setting of any steel trap inside, along or near a fence which may be situated less than 200 feet from any public road or highway upon privately owned lands.

FURBEARER/TRAPPING LAWS

Bobcats: Pelt Inspection/Fees (NAC 502.347)

1. Any person who kills a bobcat shall, within 10 days after the close of the season, personally:
 - (a) Present its pelt for inspection by and give its lower jaw to a representative of the Division;
 - (b) Have the Division's seal affixed to the pelt; and
 - (c) Complete a report of the killing in accordance with the Division's instructions.
2. A person shall not sell, offer for sale, barter, trade, purchase or transport from the state any pelt of a bobcat unless the Division has affixed its seal to the pelt.
3. A person shall not possess a raw pelt of a bobcat 10 days or more after the close of the season unless the Division's seal is permanently attached to the pelt.
4. A resident of Nevada must pay the Division \$5 for such a seal.



Steel Leg Hold Traps: Definitions (NAC 503.153)

As used in NAC 503.153 and 503.157, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Bait" means the flesh, fur, hide, viscera or feathers of any animal.
2. "Exposed bait" means bait, any portion of which is visible from any angle.
3. "Trap" means any device designed, built or made to close upon or hold fast any wild animal or wild bird.

Steel Leg Hold Traps: Spacers (NAC 503.155)

All steel leg hold traps of size number 2 or larger or with an outside jaw spread of 5 1/2 inches or larger used in the taking of any wildlife must have lugs, spacers or similar devices permanently attached so as to maintain a minimum trap opening of three-sixteenths (3/16") of an inch.

Steel Leg Hold Traps: Distance from Exposed Bait (NAC 503.157)

1. A person shall not place, set or maintain a steel leg hold trap within 30 feet of exposed bait.
2. A person using bait is responsible if it becomes exposed for any reason.
3. A person shall not use any part of a game animal, game bird, game fish, game amphibian or protected species of wildlife for bait.

Data from Trappers/Penalty (NAC 503.160)

1. The Division may determine methods of obtaining necessary data from trappers relative to their activities and success.
2. It is unlawful for any trapper to fail to return any reporting form or questionnaire of the Division or to falsify any information requested. Failure to return such a form or questionnaire within 10 days after the close of the season or the submission of any false statement thereon may be cause to deny the person the right to acquire any trapping license for a period of 2 years.

Trapping on State and Federal Lands

Trapping on Specific Wildlife Management Areas is Allowed Only as Follows:

Persons having permits to do so may trap on the Overton, Key Pittman, W.E. Kirch, Scripps, Humboldt, Fernley, Mason Valley, Alkali Lake, Steptoe Valley and Franklin Lake Wildlife Management Areas. Permits will be issued through a drawing process and may contain designations of specific trapping areas, dates or other restrictions to ensure compatibility with other public activities. (NAC 504.170).

Trapping on National Wildlife Refuges:

The following National Wildlife Refuges are closed to trapping and furbearer harvest:

Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Desert National Wildlife Range, Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge, and Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge and Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge are closed to trapping with the exception that muskrat trapping is allowed by special permit from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

MIGRATORY BIRD LAWS & REGULATIONS

In Nevada, **migratory game bird seasons** are established for ducks and mergansers, coots and moorhens (gallinules), common snipe, Canada and white fronted geese, snow geese and Ross' geese, tundra and trumpeter swans, and mourning dove.

Migratory waterfowl are a subgroup of migratory game birds, and include ducks, mergansers, geese and swans. They do not include coots or moorhens (gallinules).

Stamp Requirements

(Required regardless of residency)

Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp

\$15.00

Any person 16 or older who hunts any migratory waterfowl is required to purchase a federal migratory bird hunting stamp. The stamp must be carried on the person and signed in ink across its face.

State Duck Stamp

\$5.00

Any person 12-64 years old who hunts any migratory bird EXCEPT mourning or white-winged dove, snipe, coot or moorhen (gallinule) is required to purchase a state duck stamp that must be carried on the person, and signed in ink across its face.

Swan Tags:

\$10.00

Persons with a Nevada annual hunting license and possessing both a 2003 Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Stamp if required, and a 2003 Nevada Duck Stamp, may apply for one of the 650 swan tags. Application forms will be available in August at license agents, Division offices, or on the agency website. The application form must be completed in accordance with the instructions thereon. **In general, swan tag applications must be received by the third Friday in September. Results are generally available by the first Friday in October.** No hand delivered applications are accepted for the drawing. Any remaining tags will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through the mail or over the counter during normal business hours at the Wildlife Administrative Services Office, P.O. Box 1345, 185 N. Maine, Fallon, NV 89406.

Note: Successful swan hunters must punch their swan tags at the time of harvest. Swan hunters are required to have their tags and swans validated at selected sites within five (5) days of harvesting a swan. The tag must be brought in with the swan at time of validation. Validation requirements will be provided with swan tags. Once five trumpeter swan are taken the season is closed to all swan hunting.

Hunting Hours: Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset: all migratory bird seasons are open to non-residents. Consult sunrise/sunset tables on pages 42-45.

The head or a fully feathered wing must remain attached while in transit from the field for ducks, mergansers, coots and moorhens (gallinules), snipe, geese and swan.

Shotguns Limited to Three Shells

When hunting for migratory game birds the use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited, unless the shotgun is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so that the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells.

Youth Waterfowl Hunt

One-day youth waterfowl hunts are generally scheduled as part of the waterfowl season setting process. In the southern part of the state the youth hunt usually occurs one week after the close of the general duck season; in the north, the duck hunt usually occurs one week prior to the opening of the regular waterfowl season. Species in the hunt usually include ducks, Canada and white-fronted geese, snow and Ross geese, and coots and moorhens. The Youth Waterfowl Hunt is open to both nonresident and resident hunters 15 years of age and younger, anyone 12 or older must take a hunter education course prior to buying a license. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years old. Adults are not allowed to hunt during the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Any youth age 12 or older is required to purchase a State Duck Stamp prior to waterfowl hunting. In addition, anyone 12 or older who plans to hunt migratory birds is required to obtain a HIP validation number.

**PLEASE CALL HIP AT 1-800-WETLAND
or CHECK THE WEB AT
www.wetland.net**

Migratory Bird Hunters Get HIP Annually

Any person 12 years or older who plans to hunt any kind of migratory game bird, including ducks, geese, swans, coot, doves, snipe, or moorhen (gallinules) in Nevada, is required **ANNUALLY** to obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) validation number and write it on their hunting license before entering the field. The validation number is free, and is available by simply calling 1-800-WETLAND (1-800-938-5263, or customer service number 1-888-764-7343). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is conducting the nationwide harvest survey to better understand the impact of hunting on these wildlife resources. Tribal members on Federal Indian Reservations or tribal members hunting on ceded lands are exempt from the requirements. Migratory bird hunters will be surveyed at season's end to collect harvest information.

Nontoxic Shot Requirements (NAC503.183)

1. A hunter of ducks, mergansers, geese, swans, coots, moorhen (gallinules) or snipe shall use nontoxic shot in muzzleloaders or in shells for a shotgun when hunting in this state.
2. The possession of shells for a shotgun which contain other than nontoxic shot is prohibited while hunting any birds designated in subsection 1.
3. The possession of shot for a muzzleloading shotgun other than nontoxic shot is prohibited while hunting any birds designated in subsection 1.
4. As used in this section, "nontoxic shot" means any shot which has been approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to 50 C.F.R. Part 20.134. (see Sec 20.21).

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**PLEASE CALL TO REPORT ALL WATERFOWL AND DOVE
BANDS: 1-800-327-2263**

FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS

The following Federal regulations, adopted by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners pursuant to NAC 503.180, apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. Consult the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50, Part 20 for additional information. **Migratory game birds are: ducks (including mergansers), geese, swans, coot, moorhens (gallinules), snipe, dove, (both white-winged and mourning) and band-tailed pigeon.**

Sec. 20.21 Hunting methods

Migratory birds on which open seasons are prescribed in this part may be taken by any method except those prohibited in this section. No persons shall take migratory game birds:

(a) With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance;

(b) With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells;

(c) From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;

(d) From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance;

(e) From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased...;

(f) By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;

(g) By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds;

(h) By means or aid of any motordriven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird;

(i) By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the areas is or has been baited. However, nothing in this paragraph prohibits:

(1) the taking of any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas--

(i) Standing crops of flooded standing crops (including aquatics); standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;

(ii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or

(iii) Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

(2) The taking of any migratory game bird, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

(j) While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot, or bismuth-tin (97 parts bismuth: 3 parts tin with 1 percent residual lead) shot, or tungsten-iron (nominally 40 parts tungsten: 60 parts iron with 1 percent residual lead) shot or

such shot approved as nontoxic by the Director pursuant to procedures set forth in Sec. 20.134, provided that: (1) This restriction applies only to the taking of Anatidae (ducks, geese [including brant] and swans), coots (*Fulica americana*) and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons with the former in areas described in Sec. 20.108 as nontoxic shot zones...

Sec. 20.25 Wanton waste of migratory game birds

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this part without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody...

Sec. 20.35 Field possession limit

No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

Sec. 20.36 Tagging requirement

No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

Sec. 20.37 Custody of birds of another

No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required by Sec. 20.36.

Sec. 20.38 Possession of live birds

Every migratory game bird wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit...

Sec. 20.43 Species identification requirement

No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons (*Columba fasciata*), unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

Sec. 20.44 Marking package or container

No person shall transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier migratory game birds unless the package or container in which such birds are transported has the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers of each species of birds therein contained clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

**ADDITIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE INFO
PROVIDED ON PAGES 14 & 39.**

SMALL GAME AND UPLAND GAME LAWS & REGULATIONS

In Nevada, upland game bird species include blue and ruffed grouse, and sage grouse; chukar and Hungarian partridge, snowcock, ring-necked and white-wing pheasant, California, Gambel's, mountain and scaled quail; North American wild turkey, and American crow.

In addition, small game species include cottontail, pygmy and white-tailed jack rabbits. Falconry seasons are in effect for waterfowl (all migratory bird stamp requirements apply) dove, chukar, sage, blue and ruffed grouse, pheasant, snowcock, Hungarian partridge, quail and rabbit.

Nevada provides both fall and spring turkey hunts. Only resident hunters may apply for a turkey tag for the public lands drawings held in the spring and fall. Both residents and nonresidents may apply for private lands tags, which require the permission of the private landowner in the spring and fall. **Currently, only spring private lands hunts are available to non-residents.**

Tags and Fees:

In addition to a regular hunting license, the following tags and fees apply for upland game hunting:

Resident Turkey Tag	\$20.00
Nonresident Turkey Tag	\$50.00
Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$10.00
On-line Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 2.00
Predator Control Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 3.00

Applications and Permits

Permit applications for the Sheldon NWR special sage grouse hunt are generally available in August at Division of Wildlife Offices in Elko, Fallon, Las Vegas, Henderson, and Reno, and on the agency website. The application deadline is usually in late August, and the hunts occur in mid-late September. However, as this is established by Commission regulation in late August, please contact a regional office for more information.

While Hunting

The use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited on all wildlife management areas unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so its total capacity does not exceed three shells. (NAC 504.135).

NOTE: Special firearms restrictions are in effect at Wildlife Management Areas (page 35) and National Wildlife Refuges (page 39).

Harvest

Snowcock hunters are encouraged to have a snowcock harvest information report in their possession when hunting snowcock. The report forms are available from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F, by the Division of Wildlife, Eastern Region Office, 60 Youth Center Rd., Elko, NV 89801, phone (775) 777-2300. In addition, snowcock harvest report forms are also available 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. M-F at the Ely Office, 1218 N. Alpha St., Ely, NV 89301, phone (775) 289-1655.

Hunting Hours

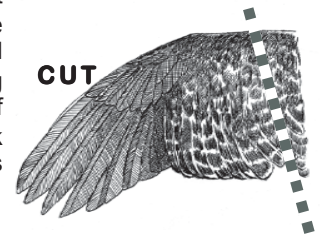
Sunrise to sunset except for quail in Pahrump Valley of Nye County (8 a.m. to sunset); for turkey see adjacent page or season and bag regulations brochure.

Blue and Ruffed Grouse (NAC 503.185)

The head or one fully feathered wing must be attached to all blue and ruffed grouse until the carcass reaches the possessor's residence or a commercial facility for its preservation. Persons harvesting ruffed grouse in Humboldt County are requested to report harvest in person to the Division of Wildlife Western Region Office, in person or by mail at 380 W. B St., Fallon, NV 89406. Phone (775) 423-3171.

Sage Grouse

The Nevada Division of Wildlife is conducting a long-term study of the state's sage grouse populations and is collecting wing samples to help determine the status of the sage grouse population in Nevada. Sage grouse hunters are asked to remove one wing from each sage grouse taken. The diagram at right illustrates where the wing should be cut. Please keep the wing dry and away from flies. A paper lunch bag works well. Deposit the wing at any of the Division's wing barrels, at check stations, or with Division employees who contact you in the field.



Mountain Quail

The Division of Wildlife is interested in collecting harvest information on mountain quail throughout Nevada. The Division requests that hunters contact the Reno Headquarters at (775) 688-1529 or your local game agent to report your mountain quail harvest.

Falconry License/Training/Fees (NRS 503.583)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who practices falconry or trains birds of prey must obtain a falconry license from the Division upon payment of a license fee as provided in NRS 502.240. 2.-5....

Practice of Falconry (NAC 503.210)

When practicing falconry on game species, a licensee shall comply with the provisions of Title 45 of NRS and all regulations of the board of wildlife commissioners. A species of wildlife which is classified as protected by the Division, or as threatened or endangered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, that is taken incidentally by a raptor may not be retained or possessed by a licensee. A species of wildlife which is classified as a game species by the Division that is taken incidentally by a raptor during the closed season may not be retained or possessed by the licensee. A licensee shall not intentionally release a raptor after any wildlife which is in a refuge or in a state or national park or is on privately owned property where the licensee does not have permission to hunt.

Falconry License (NAC 503.235)

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4. A person must possess a valid falconer's license when practicing falconry. In addition, a person who releases a raptor at game birds or game mammals during the open season must possess a valid hunting license issued by the Division.

Falconry applications are available online at www.ndow.org/about/license/special/shtm.

TURKEY HUNTING OPTIONS

Turkey Tags: Applications/Forms

Applications for the fall Public Lands Turkey Tag Draw are available in August, and spring Public Lands Turkey Tag Draw applications are available in mid-December at license agents, NDOW regional offices, State Headquarters, and on the agency website. Tag applications must be completed in accordance with the instructions. The Division's award of these tags will be based on a drawing held after the deadline specified on the form. In addition, Private Landowner Hunts, which require a tag, but do not incorporate a draw process, are also available in the spring and fall. Special Permission Authorization Forms for these private landowner hunts must be authorized by a private landowner. For information on private landowners participating in these hunts, contact the Division at (775) 688-1507. **TAGS ARE REQUIRED FOR BOTH TYPE OF TURKEY HUNTS. HUNTERS MAY ONLY RECEIVE ONE TURKEY TAG IN A CALENDAR YEAR.**

Hunting Hours:

Fall turkey hunting hours are sunrise to sunset. Spring turkey hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.

Resident Applicants

Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada is eligible to apply once annually for each Public Lands Drawing (Hunt 0131) Wild Turkey Hunt. Unsuccessful applicants for a Public Lands Drawing may apply for a Private Lands Wild Turkey Hunt (Hunt 0135).

Nonresident Applicants

Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any nonresident is eligible to submit one application annually for a Private Lands Wild Turkey Hunt (Hunt 0137).

Wild Turkey Tags (NAC 502.378)

1. A tag is required to hunt wild turkey. The fee for a resident tag is \$20. The fee for a nonresident tag is \$50. In addition, a non-refundable fee of \$10 will be charged for acting upon each application for a tag. A person may obtain a form to apply for a tag from a license agent or an office of the Division. The form must be completed in accordance with the instructions on the form. The Division's award of these tags will be based on a drawing held after the deadline specified on the form.
2. A person, while hunting wild turkey, shall have in his possession:
 - (a) A valid hunting license; and
 - (b) A valid tag to hunt wild turkey issued to him.
3. A hunter who has killed a wild turkey and taken it into his possession shall immediately punch the tag and attach it to the turkey's body as required by NAC 502.390 and 502.400.

Permissible Weapons for Hunting Wild Turkey (NAC 503.187)

No weapon other than a:

1. Shotgun which is no larger than 10 gauge nor smaller than

Hunter Options

Turkey hunting opportunity is provided through one of two options. The two options are **(1) a computerized random drawing** for those areas listed as a Public Lands Drawing, **OR (2) a private lands hunt with landowner permission** for those areas listed as private land hunts.

Refer to the spring or fall turkey season and bag regulations to determine which private land seasons and locations are available.

Option 1: Residents Only Hunt 0131 Public Lands Drawing

Tags are awarded based upon the results of a computerized random drawing. Hunters may apply for as many as five hunter choice numbers. A person must be 12 years of age before the opening of every season to which the application pertains. Successful applicants will receive one tag for their first hunter choice where the quota has not been filled. Residents must have a current annual hunting license to apply. Successful applicants must possess a current Nevada hunting license while hunting turkey.

Option 2: Residents/Nonresidents Hunts 0135 and 0137 Private Land Hunts

Hunters interested in obtaining a private lands wild turkey tag must secure a permission authorization application form from a landowner, then apply for the tag. A person must be 12 years of age at the time of application and have a current annual hunting license to apply. Successful applicants must possess a current Nevada hunting license while hunting turkey.

NOTE: Trespass or guiding fees may be applicable if a hunter hunts on private property.

20 gauge and uses a shot size no larger than a number 2 pellet; or

2. Longbow and arrow, may be used to hunt wild turkey.

3. Shot used to hunt wild turkey on a wildlife management area must be:

(a) non-toxic shot; and

(b) not larger than standard-size T.

Hunting with a dog

(NAC 503.147)

It is unlawful to hunt, chase or pursue:

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3. Any wild turkey with a dog from March 1 through June 30 of any year.



STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Special regulations are in effect at our state wildlife management areas. PLEASE review the following information and adjacent table before hunting on a state wildlife management area.

Camping- Except as provided in the adjacent table, camping is prohibited on wildlife management areas. Where camping is allowed, camping facilities, including without limitation, house trailers, must not be stored, parked or maintained on a wildlife management area for more than eight days, or left on an area for occasional occupancy by a person or group of persons associated with the facility. The erection, fabrication or maintenance of a permanent dwelling or building on a wildlife management area is prohibited. A person camping in a site, campground, or area within a wildlife management area designated for camping shall not operate a television, radio or any other device, including without limitation, a generator, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. if the device produces sound that is audible beyond the campsite in which it is operated. **(NAC 504.145)**

Campfires and Bonfires prohibited; exceptions- Except as provided in the adjacent table, campfires and bonfires are prohibited on wildlife management areas. **(NAC 504.140)**

Concession Sites - The Division may lease a concession site in a wildlife management area to any person if the lease is not: detrimental to the area or the best interest of the public; or in conflict with any lease or agreement setting aside the management area. **(NAC 504.150)**

On the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area- deer may be hunted only with a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than 20 gauge using rifled slugs; shotgun rounds with sabots that contain rifled slugs of conventional design, or a longbow and arrow. Deer may not be hunted during the season set for the general hunt for deer except on: 1) Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays 2) Nevada Day as observed 3) November 11, Veteran's Day, 4) Thanksgiving Day 5) Family Day (day after Thanksgiving). Deer may be hunted with longbow and arrow during the season set for the archery hunt for deer. **(NAC 503.170)**

Firearms: Limitations; use The discharging of a rifle or pistol is prohibited on the Overton, Key Pittman, W.E. Kirch, Scripps, and Mason Valley wildlife management areas during the waterfowl season. **(NAC 504.135)**

The use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited on all wildlife management areas unless it is plugged with a one piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so its total capacity does not exceed three shells. **(NAC 504.135)**

The use or possession of shells for a shotgun containing shot that is toxic, or larger than standard-sized T is prohibited on the Overton, Key Pittman, W.E. Kirch, Scripps, Mason Valley, Fernley, Alkali Lake, Humboldt, Steptoe and Franklin Lake wildlife management areas. **(NAC 504.135)**

Construction and use of hunting blinds; use of decoys-1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a person may construct a hunting blind on any wildlife management area if the division has no obligation to protect a privately constructed blind or to arbitrate the use or priority of use of such a blind. A blind to be constructed must: (a) Be temporary and portable; (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), be constructed of lumber, screen, fabric, synthetic material or native vegetation; and (c) In the Kirch, Steptoe Valley and Mason Valley Wildlife Management Areas, be constructed of native vegetation, removable fabric, or a synthetic material that is of a temporary nature. 2. A group of

persons may construct a blind only after the supervisor of the wildlife management area has approved the plans for the blind. 3. Sunken blinds, and barrels and boxes used as sunken blinds, must be covered when not in use to prevent the entrapment of animals. 4. The use of a sink box is prohibited. 5. A blind may not be locked or reserved for the use of a particular person or group of persons. 6. The division may: (a) Prohibit the construction of a hunting blind if it is detrimental to a wildlife management area or portion thereof. (b) Designate a hunting blind on a wildlife management area as intended for the use of persons with physical handicaps pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§§§ 12101 to 12213, inclusive, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. 7. A person may use decoys on a wildlife management area so long as the decoys are not left set up in the field between the hours of 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. **(NAC 504.160)**

Littering of area - The Division may deny further use of the wildlife management area to any person who abuses or litters the area. **(NAC 504.155)**

Removal of persons from area-The Division or an authorized agent may remove a person from a wildlife management area for disorderly conduct, intoxication or any other conduct which endangers the area, a person, wildlife or livestock. **(NAC 504.110)**

Restricted Entry and Use - The following areas restrict entry and use during the time periods listed **(NAC 504.120)**: **Mason Valley WMA**, the east wetland unit as posted is closed from Feb. 15 through August 15. **Scripps Wildlife Management Area**, as posted south of Little Washoe Lake, from February 15 through August 15. **Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area**, portion of Nesbitt Lake north of the old fence line, from February 15 through August 15. **Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area**, the upper portion of Adams-McGill, Cold Springs and Haymeadow Reservoirs, as posted, and all of the Dacey and Tule Reservoirs, from February 15 through August 15. **Overton Wildlife Management Area**, the Honey Bee pond and the center pond from March 1 through August 1.

Control of vehicular travel-1. Vehicular travel within a wildlife management area may be controlled for operation of the area, for public use and to benefit the public and wildlife resources. Such control may include specifying parking areas, closing interior roads or trails to vehicular travel and prohibiting travel beyond designated points. 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, it is prohibited, within a wildlife management area, to operate a motor vehicle: (a) Off an interior road or trail that is designated for vehicular travel; or (b) On an interior road or trail that is marked as closed to vehicular travel. 3. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 do not apply to authorized personnel in the performance of their official duties. **(NAC 504.115)**

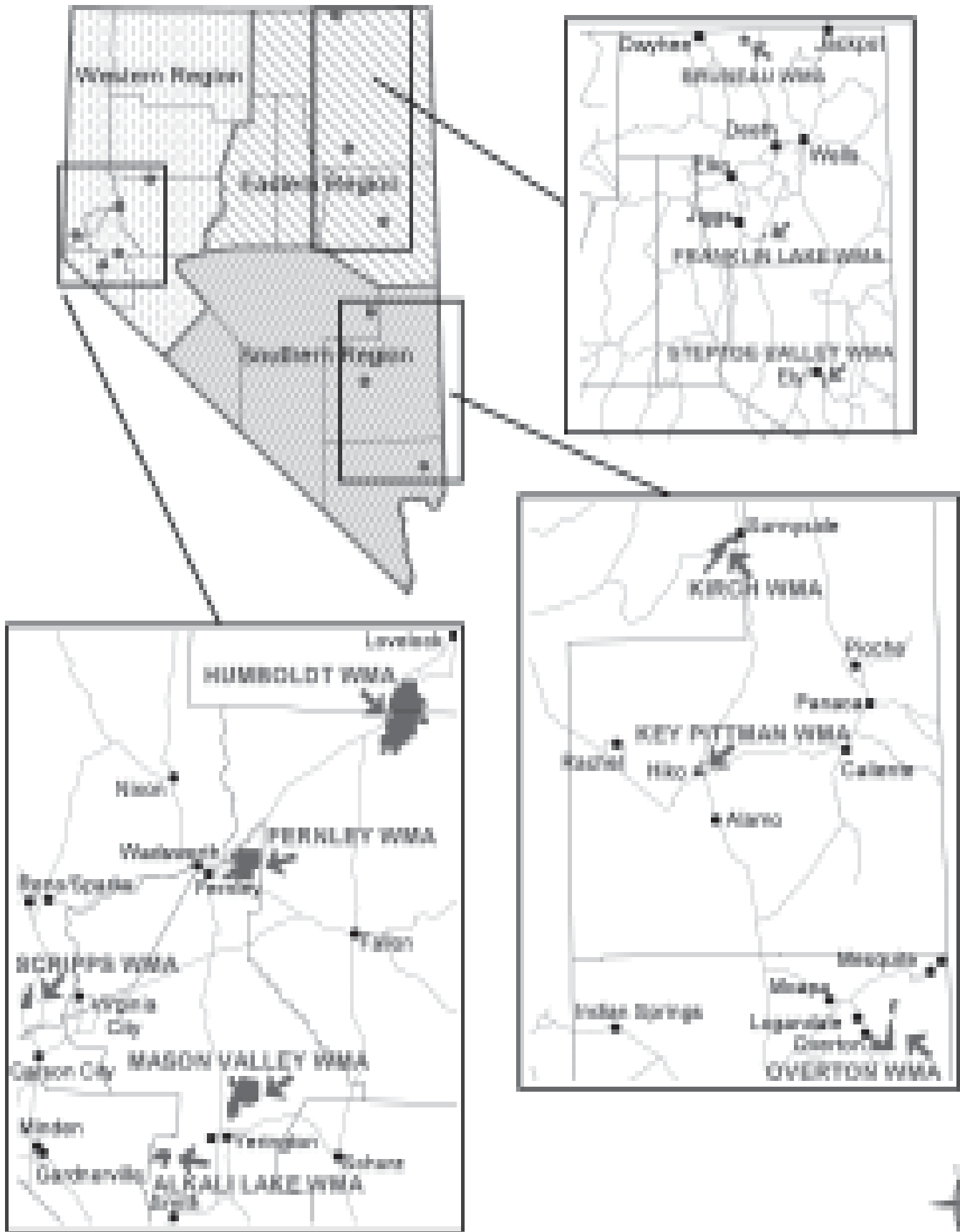
Trapping on Wildlife Management Areas - Trapping on specific wildlife management areas is allowed only as follows: persons having permits to do so may trap on the Overton, Key Pittman, W.E. Kirch, Scripps, Humboldt, Fernley, Mason Valley, Steptoe Valley, Franklin Lake and Alkali Lake wildlife management areas. Permits will be issued through a drawing process and may contain designations of specific trapping areas, dates or other restrictions to ensure compatibility with other public activities. **(NAC 504.170)**

NDOW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

The State of Nevada through the Division of Wildlife owns or has long-term leases on more than 115,000 acres of land incorporated into wildlife management areas (WMAs) across the state. The primary management emphasis on WMAs is the protection of wetlands and waterfowl including the use of the areas as public hunting grounds. Hunting opportunities for sportsmen on WMAs include migratory game bird, upland game bird, furbearer, and big game hunting. Below is a table of restrictions associated with each of the wildlife management areas. Please review this table and the accompanying list of hunt and use restrictions on wildlife management areas before hunting in these areas.

Area	Trespass	Use of Vessels	Use of Campfires	Camping
Overton WMA (Clark Co.)	Trespass prohibited at Honey Bee Pond and Center Pond from March 1 through Aug. 1.	Vessels are prohibited on all ponds. Vessels are allowed on the portion of the area inundated by Lake Mead, except that on Overton Hunt Days, vessels may be used only by persons authorized to hunt waterfowl.	Permitted within the rest and trails area.	Permitted within the rest and trails area.
W.E. Kirch WMA (Nye Co.)	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in the upper portion of Adams-McGill, Cold Springs, and Haymeadow reservoirs, and all of Dacey and Tule reservoirs.	Vessels must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may exceed 5 nautical miles per hour.	Permitted within the Dave Deacon Campground.	Permitted within the Dave Deacon Campground.
Key Pittman WMA (Lincoln Co.)	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in the portion of Nesbitt Lake north of the old fence line.	Vessels must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may exceed 5 nautical miles per hour.	Not permitted.	Not permitted.
Mason Valley WMA (Lyon Co.)	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in the eastern portion of the main developed pond area, as posted.	All vessels are prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 each year, except on Hinkson Slough, Bass, Crappie, and North Pond, Beaver Slough and the Walker River. Vessels must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may exceed 5 nautical miles per hour.	Permitted in those sites designated for camping.	Permitted at sites designated by the Division.
Humboldt WMA (Pershing & Churchill Co.)		Airboats are prohibited on the Humboldt Sink until 1 hour after the legal shooting time on the opening day of the waterfowl season. Airboats are prohibited on the Toulon portion of the area during the waterfowl season. All vessels are prohibited on the ponds 5 days before the opening day of waterfowl season.	Permitted in those sites designated for camping.	Permitted in those sites designated for camping.
Fernley WMA (Lyon Co.)			Permitted.	Permitted.
Scripps WMA (Washoe Co.)	Trespass prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in that portion of the area that lies south of Little Washoe Lake.		Not permitted.	Not permitted.
Alkali Lake WMA (Lyon Co.)			Not permitted.	Not permitted.
Franklin Lake WMA (Elko Co.)			Not permitted.	Not permitted.
Bruneau River WMA (Elko Co.)			Permitted.	Permitted, except that camping is not permitted in any building or other structure located within the WMA.
Steptoe Valley WMA (White Pine Co.)		Water skiing allowed only between 11 a.m. and sunset. Flat wake restrictions in effect for boats during other hours.	Not permitted.	Not permitted.

NDOW Wildlife Management Areas



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This information is subject to change at the August, 2003 Wildlife Commission meeting.
Please review season and bag brochures for updated information.

Scripps Wildlife Management Area and Washoe Lake State Park

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and the following legal State holidays: Nevada Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Family Day (day after Thanksgiving), Christmas, New Years Day and Martin Luther King Day.

Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and the following legal State holidays: Nevada Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Family Day (day after Thanksgiving), Christmas, New Years Day, and Martin Luther King Day. Hunters with a valid turkey tag for the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area may hunt each day of the established turkey season. Before or after the waterfowl season, hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season.

2. **Areas Closed to All Hunting Adjacent to the Ft. Churchill Waterfowl Sanctuary:** Those portions of SE corner of Section 36, T.15N., R.25E; W ½ of Section 31, T.15N, R.26E, and N ½ of Section 1, T.14N, R.25E., M.D. & M. are closed to hunting as posted.

3. The following area within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area is designated as a CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE and will be closed to all persons five (5) days prior to the last Saturday in November through the end of the waterfowl hunting season, except for those persons having a valid Mason Valley controlled goose hunting permit, described in #4 following. Prior to the described closure dates, all legal hunting is allowed within the CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE. Those portions of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management area within Sections 1, 2 and 12, T.14N, R.25E; Section 35, T.15N, R.25E; Sections 6 and 7, T.14N, R.26E, and Section 31, T.15N, R.26E, M.D.B. & M. as posted. The assigned blinds for the controlled goose hunt are located in farm fields MV-10, 11, and B-11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

4. Hunt permit applications for the CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area are available through the Headquarters Office in Reno and the Western Region Office in Fallon. Unless their privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident is eligible to apply once for a hunt permit. A person whose name appears on more than one application will be rejected from the drawing. Permit applications will be accepted for groups no larger than four individuals, and all members of a group must hunt from the same assigned location. Applications for the Special Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Goose Hunt shall be received at the Headquarters Office in Reno (through a postal service only) no later than the second Wednesday in October. A public drawing will be held at the Headquarters Office in Reno at 10:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday in October. Successful applicants will receive a permit by return mail.

Ft. Churchill Cooperative Wildlife Management Area

1. From October 1, through the Friday preceding the second Saturday of February, the area shall be closed to trespass.

Overton Wildlife Management Area

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted on the Moapa Valley portion of the area only on the opening day of the duck season, alternate days thereafter throughout the season, opening day of the goose season, and the closing two days of the duck and goose seasons. Before or after the waterfowl season, hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season.

2. During the opening day and the first weekend of the dove season, and during the entire pheasant season, the maximum capacity for the Moapa Valley portion of the area is 60 hunters by reservation only.

3. During the waterfowl season on the Moapa Valley portion of the area, hunters must hunt from assigned hunt locations (blinds) constructed by the Division of Wildlife. A maximum of up to four hunters are permitted at each hunt location. Assigned hunt locations are marked by numbered stakes. Hunters shall hunt only within their assigned hunt location and moving to vacant locations is prohibited. The only exception involves reasonable accommodation of the disabled.

4. The hunting of upland game species is prohibited during the waterfowl season.

5. On Overton Hunt days, only persons authorized to hunt waterfowl may use vessels on the portion of the area inundated by Lake Mead.

Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted on the opening weekend of the duck season, odd-numbered days throughout the season, opening day of the goose season, and the closing two days of the waterfowl season.

2. The maximum hunter capacity during the opening day of duck season and the opening day of goose season will be 55 at any time.

3. All hunters will check-in and out at the main entrance and will park in designated parking areas only. No vehicles are allowed on the area during the hunting season.

4. The area is closed to fishing during the waterfowl season.

Overton-key Pittman Hunter Reservation System

1. To guarantee an opportunity to hunt, reservations must be made for the following specified days of each hunt listed: on the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area - opening day and the first weekend of the dove season, the entire pheasant season, and the entire duck and goose seasons; on the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area - the opening day of the duck and goose seasons. A reservation may be made for one hunt day only. On Overton Wildlife Management Area, a person or his representative applying for reservations for group hunting on either hunt area will be limited to up to four hunters per party.

2. A drawing will be held for reservations starting at 8:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the opening of the above listed seasons. If the Monday prior to season opening is a state holiday, the drawing will be held on Tuesday. Reservations remaining after the drawing are available on a "first come, first served" basis, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays, through the close of these seasons.

3. Reservations must be made in person (or by a representative) at the Las Vegas Office, the Henderson office or at the Overton or Key Pittman Wildlife Management Areas. The reservations must be in the hunter's possession and be shown to the check station attendant to constitute a valid reservation for the day specified. Reservations will not be accepted by mail or phone. At the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area, reservations for hunting will be required only on the opening day of duck season and the opening day of goose season. On all other waterfowl hunt days, hunters must obtain a reservation card at the Frenchy Lake or Nesbitt check stations prior to hunting. This card must be filled out and returned to the check station upon completion of the hunt. Failure to turn in a completed card at the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area or failure to check out at the Overton Wildlife Management Area may result in a citation being issued, and the loss of hunting privileges for the remainder of the season.

4. At the Overton Wildlife Management Area, during the waterfowl season an assigned hunt location program will be in effect. An individual may reserve no more than one assigned hunt location on the Moapa Valley portion of the area for no more than four individuals to hunt as a party and this reservation must be utilized prior to reserving another hunt day. Hunters will make a reservation for one of four types of hunt locations (field, pond, bulrush plot, or lake) and the specific hunt location will be determined by a drawing at the check station prior to each day's hunt.

5. A hunter with a reservation will be considered as a "no-show" if he does not present himself at the check station by one full hour before shooting time, except that at the Overton Wildlife Management Area, a hunter with a reservation will be considered a "no-show" if he does not present himself at the checking station one and one-half hours before shooting time during the waterfowl season.

6. Standby hunters must register at the check station upon arrival.

7. All reservations, permits and assigned hunting locations are nontransferable.

8. The Division of Wildlife reserves the right to: refuse issuing a permit to anyone, revoke the permit of anyone, and to eject anyone from the area for disorderly conduct, intoxication, or for any other reason when it appears the safety or welfare of the area or persons thereon is endangered.

9. On Overton Wildlife Management Area, the maximum capacity of hunters or hunting parties on the areas at any one time is limited for certain hunt days. The maximum capacity may be filled by non-reservation (standby) hunters as vacancies become available; however, during duck and goose seasons, under no circumstances will standby hunters be allowed to enter the area except up to one-half hour prior to legal shooting time and between the hours of 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE REGULATIONS

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TRAPPING AND FURBEARER RESTRICTIONS LISTED ON PAGE 29-30

Caution: More restrictive regulations may apply on National Wildlife Refuges. The following is only a summary of the general hunting available on national wildlife refuges in Nevada. A complete list of the federal regulations can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations 50CFR SUBCHAPTER C. In addition, all National Wildlife Refuges have general provisions regarding travel, firearms, alcohol consumption, fireworks, and hunting. Check with the refuge manager before hunting on a National Wildlife Refuge. For additional information on specific refuge regulations, contact the refuge managers or special agents listed below:

US Fish & Wildlife Service Special Agent	US Fish & Wildlife Service Special Agent
600 Las Vegas Blvd South	1340 Financial Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV	Suite 234
(702) 388-6380	Reno, NV 89502 (775) 861-6300

Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge - All portions of the AMNWR are closed to hunting, except as otherwise posted. Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens (gallinules), snipe, and doves is permitted on designated areas of the refuge. Hunters may hunt quail, cottontail rabbits, and jackrabbits on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: Hunters may hunt cottontail rabbits and jackrabbits only during the state quail hunting season. Hunters must only use shotguns. **NOTE: changes in federal regulations regarding designated hunt days, discharge of rifles or handguns, and use of non-motorized boats are pending. Check with Refuge at (775) 372-5435.**

Desert National Wildlife Range - is closed to migratory game bird hunting and upland game hunting. **Check with Refuge at (702) 646-3401.**

Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Clark County is closed to all hunting and trapping. **Check with Refuge at (702) 646-3401.**

Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge - **Check with Refuge at (702) 725-3417.** The hunting of migratory game birds, geese, ducks, coots, moorhens (gallinules), snipe, and mourning doves is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Only non-motorized boats or other motorless flotation devices are permitted on the refuge hunting area during the migratory waterfowl hunting season.
2. Hunting of waterfowl, coots, and moorhens (gallinules) is permitted only on the opening weekend and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday throughout the remainder of the season.
3. Upland Game hunters may hunt quail and rabbit as permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: Hunting of jackrabbit is permitted only during the regular state season for cottontail rabbit.

Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge is closed to upland game hunting. **Check with Refuge at (775) 779-2237.** The following areas are open for migratory bird hunting as listed:

1. The hunt area includes the area as posted from the Brown Dike access road and Brown Dike to the White Pine County Line. No hunting is permitted on Brown Dike or from the Brown Dike access road. In White Pine County, the spring pond area between the county road and the marsh edge is open as posted. For public safety, a no hunting zone is posted in the immediate vicinity of the Main Boat Landing.
2. Only ducks (including mergansers), dark geese (including white-fronted and Canada geese), coots, moorhens (gallinules) and snipe may be hunted. **ALL OTHER SPECIES OF WILDLIFE ARE PROTECTED.**
3. The entire Ruby Valley, including Ruby Lake Refuge, is **closed** to the hunting of all white waterfowl.
4. Hunting on the refuge is permitted daily during the waterfowl season as established by the State of Nevada.
5. The refuge is open to the public from one hour before sunrise to two hours after sunset.
6. No boats are permitted on the refuge from January 1 to June 14. Only foot (kick fin) propelled flotation devices (float tubes) are allowed and only in designated areas from January 1 to June 14.
7. No reservations or special refuge permits are required.
8. Hunters may use portable hunting blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural vegetation. All decoys, portable blinds, and other personal property must be removed from the refuge daily and temporary blinds must be dismantled at the close of each day.
9. No All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) or snowmobiles are permitted on Ruby Lake Refuge.

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge - **Check with Refuge at (541) 947-3315.** Catnip Reservoir, Big Spring Reservoir, and the Virgin Valley are closed to migratory bird hunting. The remainder of the Sheldon is open for waterfowl hunting in accordance with NDOW seasons and bag limits. No permanent blinds are allowed on the Sheldon. The Sheldon is open to sage grouse, California quail and chukar hunting in accordance with NDOW regulations. Areas closed to hunting include Little Sheldon, the Virgin Valley including Dufurrena and other areas as posted.

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex – Changes are pending. **Check with Refuge at (775) 423-5128.**

Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered**Muzzleloader Hunt 1271****Continued from page 28**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
181 - 184	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
192	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
194, 196	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
195	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
201, 204	Dec 1 - Dec 7	2
202, 205, 206	Dec 1 - Dec 7	2
211, 212	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
221 - 223	Sept 20 - Oct 5	2
231	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
241 - 245	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
251 - 253	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
261 - 268	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
271, 272	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
291	Sept 13 - Sept 28	2
TOTAL		118

Nonresident Elk - Antlered - Muzzleloader Hunt 4256

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
111 - 115, 221, 222	Nov 1 - Nov 14	1

**Nonresident Mountain Goat - Any Goat
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7251**

Unit Group	2003 Season Dates	2003 Quota
101, 102	Aug 23 - Oct 26	1

**2003 BIGHORN SHEEP
INDOCTRINATION COURSES**

Indoctrination is MANDATORY to hunt Rocky Mountain, California, and Desert Bighorn Sheep.

Call NDOW regional offices for more information

RENO

Day and Date: Saturday, July 26, 2003

Location: At a location in Reno to be announced

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

LAS VEGAS

Day and Date: Saturday, August 2, 2003

Location: At a location in Las Vegas to be announced

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

ELKO

Day and Date: Thursday, August 7, 2003

Location: At a location in Elko to be announced.

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

LAS VEGAS

Day and Date: Thursday, November 6, 2003

Location: At a location in Las Vegas to be announced

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

LEGAL HUNTING HOURS BY SPECIES

Big Game	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.
Mountain Lion	Anytime of day or night.
Migratory Birds	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.
Small Game and Upland Game	Sunrise to sunset, EXCEPT for quail in Pahrump Valley of Nye County (8 a.m. to sunset).
Turkey - Fall	Sunrise to sunset.
Turkey - Spring	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.



MANAGING PREDATORS IN NEVADA

By Les Smith, NDOW Outdoor Education Coordinator

Love 'em or hate 'em, everyone has to agree that mountain lions are magnificent animals serving a valuable purpose in the natural scheme of things. But what if there are so many cougars that they become a problem for the healthy populations of deer, wild sheep or upland game? For that matter, when are there too many coyotes, or too many ravens?

These are the questions that led to the creation of the Nevada Division of Wildlife's predator management program. The 2001 legislature passed a bill that created the predator program. In August 2001, the Wildlife Commission approved the first Predator Management Plan that included six projects. In spring 2002, a \$3 predator management fee was added to each hunting tag application. The money raised from the predator fee, combined with nearly \$18,000 in contributions from sportsmen, brought the total funds collected for fiscal year 2003 to more than \$341,000.

The concept of predator control is not a new one. In the late 19th century and early 20th century predator control meant wiping out all predators as pests. The downside to that strategy was the alarming rise of small mammals that were their traditional prey base. In addition, when predators were completely removed from one area, predators from surrounding areas moved in to fill the void. Today, predator management requires that wildlife managers study an area, the predators and game populations to determine downward trends. Then, key times and the predators that need to be controlled are identified and a project is planned. Numbers of predators are reduced during these times to increase the chances of success for the herd or flock. Often other factors, such as poor habitat or a severe change in weather may act to suppress populations. So, not every game population responds as well as planned. But overall the program has gotten off to a good start.

"It's not just about controlling predators," says Russell Woolstenhulme, staff biologist for the Nevada Division of Wildlife, in charge of the predator program. "It's more about protecting game animals and other wildlife by reducing the number of predators at critical times. It's a way of giving wild populations a 'helping hand' just when they need it. When a population drops below the point where it can sustain itself, without some kind of inter-

vention, we need to step in and remove as many negative factors as we can. One effective way to reduce a major negative factor, often with dramatic results, is the reduction of predators at the right time. That way game populations have a chance to build back up over time."

One criticism of the program is that it hasn't expanded to a statewide effort. According to Woolstenhulme, there are big problems around the state. However that doesn't mean there are big problems statewide. "Look at the state as a whole. All the wildlife populations exist as groups of smaller units. When we work with these smaller units, it's easier to control the situation and be more effective in getting positive results." As budget and personnel allow, Woolstenhulme hopes to expand the program to spread the success over larger areas of the state.



When trends show that a local population dips below the level at which it can sustain itself, that helps determine which populations could benefit from predator control. Local County Advisory Boards for the Management of Wildlife work with the local biologists to identify these trends. At that point,

Woolstenhulme gets involved in creating the projects that will be accomplished in the coming year. Recent projects included: A raven control

project for sage grouse in northern Washoe County; raven and coyote control for sharp-tail grouse in Elko County; coyote control for fawning pronghorns in northern Washoe County; raven control for nesting upland game and waterfowl in Moapa Valley, Clark County; a mountain lion control for desert bighorn sheep in Lincoln County; bighorn sheep reintroduction survey in Pershing County; mule deer predator/prey study in Lincoln County; raven and coyote control for waterfowl and upland game Key Pittman WMA, Lincoln County; desert bighorn predator/prey study in southeast Lincoln County; desert bighorn sheep protection project East Walker River; mule deer predator/prey study Wilson Creek – White Rock, Lincoln County; predator control for waterfowl nesting at Key Pittman WMA, Lincoln County; and a desert bighorn sheep predator/prey study in the east Mormon Mountains, Clark County.

2003 Emergency Depredation Hunts

For all emergency depredation hunts, prospective emergency depredation hunt participants will be selected from the unit group alternate list established for the nearest similar hunt. If an emergency depredation problem occurs on a geographic area where a hunting season is not established, the alternate list from the closest unit group will be used to select hunters. In the event the quota for the emergency depredation hunt cannot be filled from the selected hunt unit group alternate list, the next closest hunt unit group alternate list will be used. Eligibility restrictions concerning successive years' hunts as stated in Nevada Administrative Code 502.341 do not apply to this hunt.

SUNRISE/SUNSET TABLES

Sunrise and sunset are legal times. Times shown are Pacific Standard Time.
Add one hour for Daylight Savings Time from April 6, 2003 to Oct. 26, 2003.

RENO, NEVADA

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